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HITLER'S RUSH VISIT TO FLORENCE EXPLAINED

MYSTERY TRIP OF U.S. WARSHIPS

The mysterious departure, under sealed order, of five United States destroyers, seventeen bombers and one seaplane tender, from Key West, has led to much speculation in Washington.

The mystery was heightened when Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, smilingly refused to state the destination of the flotilla.

Rumour is busy suggesting that the ships are bound for the French Island of Martinique, where the difference of opinion between the pro-Vichy and the anti-Vichy partisans is reported to be nearing a climax.

While the five destroyers would be inadequate to seize the island if the French Navy offered resistance, it is known that other American units including new cruisers are in the Porto Rico region.—Reuter.

MINING OF GREEK WATERS

The mining of strategic Greek waters was announced by the British Admiralty in London yesterday.

On the west, all waters have been rendered dangerous east of a line drawn roughly round the west coasts of the Islands of Levkas, Cephalonia and Zante (in the Ionian Sea) and thence to Cape Katakolon on the Greek mainland.

This means that the gulfs of Patras and Corinth and the approaches to them have been mined. On the east of Greece, the Gulf of Aegina has been mined north and west of the line between Cape Spidi and Cape Collona.

The Gulf of Corinth bites deeply into the Greek mainland and the isthmus only a few miles wide separates its head from the head of the Gulf of Aegina. The principal port on the Gulf of Aegina is Piraeus which serves Athens.—Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS SUNK BY MINES

The Admiralty has announced that two trawlers, the "Wave Flower" and the "Joseph Buxton" have been sunk by enemy mines.—Reuter.

FRANCO WILL KEEP SPAIN OUT OF WAR

That General Franco will not be disappointed in his known desire to keep Spain out of war, remains the prevailing sentiment in well-informed quarters in Madrid.—Reuter.

ENEMY RAIDERS SCATTERED

Enemy raider formations which attempted a surprise daylight attack under cover of banks of dense clouds over the south-east coast area yesterday, were again foiled by British fighters.

As they flew in from the sea, R.A.F. machines closed with them and scattered them into disorder and retreat.

Reports received up to 4 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday show that five enemy aircraft had been destroyed and that four British fighters were missing.

It was also officially announced that two more enemy aircraft were shot down on Tuesday, making a total of thirty for the day.

Final figures are not completed, but seven enemy aircraft had been destroyed over Britain up to last evening according to the latest official statement. Four British planes are missing.—Reuter.

ITALIAN OUTRAGE REVEALED

THAT AN ITALIAN SUBMARINE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNPROVOKED PEACE-TIME SINKING OF THE GREEK CRUISER "HELLE," OFF THE ISLAND OF TINOS LAST AUGUST, WAS REVEALED BY THE GREEK NAVY HIGH COMMAND YESTERDAY.

Fragments of two torpedoes picked up after the attack were found by experts to be of Italian manufacture.

The announcement was not made earlier "for reasons of policy which no longer exist," adds the communiqué.—Reuter.

Mussolini Wary Of Double-Cross

IT IS NOW REVEALED THAT HITLER'S RUSH VISIT TO FLORENCE WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEALING A RIFT IN THE AXIS LUTE THREATENING AS A RESULT OF HITLER'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH M. LAVAL.

Reuter's Zurich correspondent says that the one inescapable fact emerging from the news, both from Berlin and Rome, is that recent events have compelled Hitler to adopt the unaccustomed role of "appeaser," but whether with better effect than the appeasers of yester-eve is still conjectural.

Having in the first place failed in his attempt to persuade Italy to sacrifice her territorial claims against France, Hitler has been faced with further Italian recalcitrance in opposing any active or passive assistance of France in the war, which Mussolini feared might entitle Petain to equal partnership with Italy in Germany's "New Order."

Then came Hitler's hasty visit to Florence which was followed by significantly soothing German newspaper paragraphs, like that in the "Zeitung" which asserted that while France has been offered participation in the Axis system if she broke with Britain, Germany had promised her nothing regarding the later peace.

From that change of tone, the Italian Press became noticeably calmer.

The Double-Cross?

Political observers deduce therefore that though Italian claims may be put in the background while "appeasement" is directed to France, Germany has assured Italy that her claims will have due consideration later.

The conclusions drawn are that, firstly, Germany's new offer to France is more generous than the original offer; secondly, that France is left uncertain whether a temporary peace will be modified later to satisfy Italy; thirdly, that France's bargaining position

depends upon Britain's resistance. Hence the discussion of the detailed execution of the Franco-German collaboration agreement may proceed less smoothly than was at first expected.—Reuter.

TURKISH POLICY

Ministers representing the Balkan States met at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo on Tuesday in order to discuss the situation arising from the Italian invasion of Greece.

The Turkish Minister, Sevl Alhan, is understood to have declared that Turkey was in complete agreement with Britain regarding present and future action. He added that Turkey's non-participation in the hostilities for the present might well be favourable to the general situation, rather than her participation.—Reuter.



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AIR RAID ALARM IN ATHENS

An air raid alarm was sounded in Athens yesterday which lasted for half an hour, from 4.20 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. No gunfire was heard and no Italian planes appeared in the immediate vicinity of the Greek capital.—Reuter.

Marshal Petain's Account Of Meeting With Hitler

Denies Diktat By Fuehrer: "I Am Leader"

MARSHAL PETAIN LAST NIGHT, OVER THE LYONS RADIO, GAVE A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF HIS RECENT MEETING WITH HITLER.

The aged Marshal emphasised that he went to the meeting of his own free will and had entered "the road of collaboration" without pressure.

BEST WEAPONS ARE THOUGHT

That modern civilisation can be preserved only by a recognition of the "supreme worth and moral responsibility of the individual human person," was declared to be one of the great convictions arrived at by the 500 thinkers who assembled in New York as a Conference of Science, Philosophy and Religion in a first attempt to unify and clarify democratic thought.

Enlarging upon this conclusion, a group of five professors, theologians and physicists who assessed the conference results for the press declared that the individual's "supreme worth" meant that he had rights which no state had given him and which no state could take away; and that his "moral responsibility" meant that he had duties and responsibilities as well as rights and privileges.

The 500 leaders in the fields of natural science, philosophy and religion who met at their own expense and contributed their best thought in the effort to strengthen democratic thinking were in general agreement that any process of unifying their divergent opinions would take at least two years.

Ideas, Not Tanks

The task, however, was viewed as eminently worthwhile, for it was declared that ideas to-day are weapons, that for instance the French and Belgians were routed as much by thoughts as they were by tanks, and that whereas nefarious ideas are being broadcast from Russia, Germany and Italy to a great extent, democracy can equally be defended by right ideas.

Summing the conference results for the press were the Rev. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary and originator of the conference; the Rev. Gerard C. Walsh, professor of history at Fordham University; Lawrence K. Frank, Vice-President of the Josiah M. Mach Foundation; Gerald B. Pelham, President of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto, and C. P. Haskins, research physicist of Union College.

To Meet Again

A greater toleration for the ideas of others was seen as already a product of the parley, to which Dr. Albert Einstein contributed a paper. Theologians, it was said, recognised the right of natural science to regard as truth in its own field only that which could be verified experimentally, while the natural scientists in turn were willing to recognise the right of the theologians to seek conclusions in a field transcending experimentation.

The conference, it was said, would meet again as a whole in 1941 and in 1942, while intermediate assemblies would be held from time to time at convenient localities. What the final unity of

The interview, he said, was only possible through the French people's dignity in the face of their ordeal and their enormous efforts towards regeneration.

"France has rallied. This meeting between victor and vanquished signifies the first vindication of our country."

"I have been under no dictat by Hitler."

"The collaboration of our two countries was considered. I accepted the principles of it. The application will be discussed later."

To Trust

As an admonition to "all who are inclined to deviate from our opinions," and those who doubt and harden their hearts, the Marshal said that the first duty of Frenchmen was to trust.

He proceeded: In the near future our country's suffering may thus be lightened, our prisoners' lot may be improved, the burden of occupation expenses lessened, the demarcation line may be rendered more flexible and the administering and provisioning of the territory facilitated. "This collaboration must be sincere and without thought of aggression."

Obligations

"France has numerous obligations to the victor, but she remains sovereign. Ministers are responsible to me alone."

"Previously I have spoken to you as a father. To-day I speak to you as a leader. Follow me!" —Reuter.

democratic thinking would consist of was not foreshadowed, but it was suggested that it might consist of a "consensus" or formulation of conclusions on which all might agree. Other members of the conference said that the final unity might rather be one of attitude, a recognition of common "loyalty to democracy" obtained by bringing not thought but thinkers together.

Committee Named

"The extent to which the conference succeeded in meeting its aims," the final joint statement said, "must be judged in relation to the magnitude of the problems confronting it. The departmentalisation of human knowledge has been proceeding for more than a century. Its integration, with the most valiant efforts, will take more than a meeting of three days. The value of the conference will become clearer when the proceedings are published in full."

An Executive Committee was appointed to steer deliberations until the next session. Its membership includes:

Lyman Bryson, professor of education, Teachers College, Columbia University; Robert J. Havighurst, the General Education Board; Harold D. Lasswell, professor of political science, Washington School of Psychiatry; Robert M. MacIver, professor of philosophy, Columbia University; Filmer S. C. Northrup, professor of philosophy, Yale University; Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory, and Luther A. Weigle, dean of the Yale Divinity School.



General de Gaulle recently paid a visit to a camp in Wales at which are a number of French boys, whose ages range from 15—19. General de Gaulle is shown talking to some of the boys during his inspection. (Copyright, Fox).

French Suffering Under German Occupation

HOW FRANCE has suffered under the German occupation is revealed in a statement issued by the Ministry of Economic Warfare, which says that at least 800,000 tons of wheat have been removed to Germany from occupied France.

Bread is now rationed in France at 87 ounces per week. A large number of fields of wheat were reserved before the harvest for the Germans, swastika signs having been erected around them.

Meat is rationed at 12½ ounces per week in France, but in Germany it is 17 to 20 ounces.

More than 1,000,000 pigs are believed to have been removed from France to Germany during one fortnight in September alone. A thousand cattle were also removed.

The average consumption of butter and oil per head in France before the occupation, was 17 kilos but now it has been reduced to six kilos.

About 80 per cent. of the French sugar-beet crop has been lost owing to the fighting in northern France.

French wines have been requisitioned by the Germans and one French firm alone has delivered 12,000,000 bottles of champagne to Germany.

Transport has largely broken down in France because trucks and locomotives have been taken to Germany and lorry transport is at a standstill owing to shortage of petrol.—Reuter.

WOMAN FARMER FINED

The first prosecution in the Isle of Wight for failing to comply with an order of the Local War Agriculture Committee was heard at Newport when Mrs. O. G. Draper, of Shorwell, was fined £10.

It was stated that in spite of an order made by the Committee, a thirty-four acre field at Cheverton Farm was allowed to remain in such a state with high docks and thistles that it was a menace to other farms. As a result the tenancy had been compulsorily ended by the Committee.

Mr. C. F. Hiscock, defending, said that Mrs. Draper's husband ran the farm adjoining, and all the labour available was being making at the time.

ARMY CAPTAIN CASHIERED

Sentence that he be cashiered from the Army was promulgated on Capt. Alfred Lionel Haughton (40) of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, found guilty at a Chelsea court-martial on July 25 of 16 charges relating to cheques. At the court-martial he pleaded he had been more of a fool than knave.

LAVAL IN TOUCH WITH THE NAZIS

M. Laval is back in Paris from Vichy and will remain there until the end of the week, the Paris Radio announced yesterday.

Presumably he has returned to Paris to continue the negotiations with the Nazis.

Reports from Berlin state that Nazi officials there say that Hitler's talks with M. Laval and Marshal Petain have not resulted in any formal agreement or adjustment, but were concerned with the "fundamental questions of France's future."

The talks, according to these Berlin official circles merely recognised that "France declared war, France lost the war and France must share the cost of the war." — Reuter.

Reuter's Vichy correspondent states that M. Laval is still in Paris and is likely to remain there until the week-end, according to the "Petit Parisien." — Reuter.

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British Pilots Have Hectic Time In Air Raids But Heavy Bombers Get Through To Berlin

"THE FLYING SNOWMAN" was the description one British pilot applied to himself after participating in a raid of British heavy bombers over Berlin on Tuesday.

For over 100 miles before reaching Germany, the British airmen had to fly blind through a raging snowstorm as well as intense anti-aircraft fire, says the Air Ministry News Service in London.

Nevertheless, using numerous parachute flares, the airmen found their targets in the city's centre, including large electrical works and bombed them despite thick snow.

Atrocious Weather

The atrocious weather over Germany, however, had the paradoxical effect of increased diversity of the R.A.F. attacks as a whole.

Oil supply centres were the chief objectives, but planes which encountered excessively bad weather were deflected elsewhere.

Thus, in addition to the objectives mentioned in the brief official communiqué, oil centres and shipyards at Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven, Denzler, Magdeburg and Flushing, the oil refineries at Leuna and Gelsenkirchen were bombed, together with industrial plants at Leipzig, Krupp Works at Essen and railway junctions. Krupp had a heavy visitation, while a direct hit was scored on a river bridge at Stralsund.

Railways Attacked

Other aircraft, unable to locate their primary targets, dropped heavy bombs on the Ruhr railway junctions and others farther north and east, thus complicating communications between the highly industrialised western regions of the Reich and the remainder of Germany.

Within ten minutes of the attack on the canal goods yard at Munster, a great blaze flared up. Fourteen other fires broke out in aerodromes, of which 20 were bombed. — Reuter.

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The event may stir up a new market for the American farmer and a profitable new industry for American capital and labour.

Fronts of United States postage stamps might be said now to be 100 per cent. American, honouring as they do the nation's great and its memorable events.

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Recent tests have shown, however, that dextrin made from sweet potato starch was satisfactory for postage stamp glue as well as for labels and envelopes.

Agriculture experts say there is a large potential market for the sweet potato starch. The United States uses more than 1,000,000,000 pounds of starch annually, of which approximately one-fourth comes from the imported cassava root.

MAJOR STEP IN AID TO BRITAIN

President Roosevelt will probably announce a major step forward in the policy of increasing aid for Britain when he speaks at Boston, according to a White House official accompanying the President on his election campaign tour.

The speech is due to be made at about noon (H.K. time) today. — Reuter.

BOYS ON FARM-WORK

About twenty senior boys of Dulwich College, mostly members of the first cricket or rugby teams, are helping farmers in the Wiltshire district of Dorset for three weeks or more.

The party is under the control of Mr. Eric Parsley, head of the Modern Side, and Mr. K. J. Veitch, who is in charge of football at the College. The boys are accommodated in the house of the parents of one of their number, Mr. and Mrs. Hibberd, of The Firs, Wiltshire, whose hospitality has made the scheme possible.

The boys are gaining experience of varied kinds of farm work, including the real harvesting tasks of "hilling," rickling carting and threshing.

The work goes on with a fine spirit, and some farmers who had hesitated to apply for boys are now regretting that there are not more available.

A.R.P. PLANS IN THE HOPFIELDS

The annual trek of thousands of South Wales people to the hopfields of Herefordshire, Worcestershire, and Gloucestershire has started.

Parties leaving Wales were not such "mixed parties" as those of normal years.

There are few men travelling this year, and, in some cases, parties of 40 and 50 women and children were without a single man.

Hop growers have taken precautions consistent with the times.

EVACUEES NOT WANTED, FINED

For failing to comply with the requirements of a billeting notice Mrs. Lily Brown, of Woodlands Scotby, near Carlisle, was fined £1 under the Defence Regulations at Carlisle.

Police-Superintendent Stewart said Mrs. Brown was asked to take two girl evacuees into her home. But she refused to accept the billeting notice either from the billeting officer or a police officer.

Mrs. Brown said that as a poultry farmer she was producing food for the national larder and she also had the care of an invalid husband.

"In 1920 I was presented with a medal for war work," she added, "but at the present time it is physically impossible for me to do any more."



RESCUING GERMAN AIRMEN SHOT DOWN ON SOUTH EAST COAST—While the battles are fought in the air over the South-East Coast of England the lifeboats go out and rescue the airmen, friend or foe. Photo shows a soldier and policeman helping a German airman ashore. (Copyright, Fox).

THE EMPIRE'S AIR SCHEME FAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

THE EMPIRE AIR training scheme, designed to produce 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews annually when in full operation, is already months ahead of schedule, declared Lord Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, speaking in London yesterday.

Canada and Australia, he said, each had 300,000 men trained or training, while Canadian destroyers, cooperating with the British Navy and Australian Navy in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, were doing magnificent work.

He added: "In the Middle East, forces from South Africa as well as from Southern Rhodesia and other parts of Africa stand alongside our own troops to defeat the Italian foe."

Elsewhere in the same area, Australians and New Zealanders are massing, while thousands of Canadians here in Britain are eager to deal faithfully with Hitler's invasion."

"Never has the British Commonwealth been more important than to-day," declared Lord Cranborne.

"In the storm new shaking the foundations of the world, the British Empire stands like a rock against which the winds and waves break without weakening its essential strength." — Reuter.

THIRTY PLANES SHOT DOWN

Thirty German raiding aircraft were destroyed during Tuesday and two additional German bombers were destroyed during Tuesday night, the Air Ministry announced in London yesterday. — Reuter.

Trenches have been dug in the fields for use as air raid shelters, wardens and first-aid experts will be at hand, while stirrup-pumps are available to deal with incendiary bombs.

A good crop is reported from the three counties.

'G.O.M.' GIVES HIS HOME

Colonel and Alderman Sir William F. Wyley, Coventry's "grand old man," has left his thirteenth century home, the Charterhouse, to the Coventry Corporation.

He has also given £7,200 to Coventry Cathedral for endowing a cannery, £2,800 to the Cathedral Council to use at their discretion, £1,000 each to Rugby School and King Henry VIII. School, Coventry, £100 to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment Old Comrades' Association, £100 to the Midland Bank Benevolent Fund, and £500 to Ford's Hospital, Coventry.

He has left his silver ware and prints to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

THIS IS THE NAZI STORY

A GERMAN HIGH Command communique issued in Berlin yesterday claimed that a warship operating in overseas waters has announced the sinking of three armed merchant ships with a total of 18,400 gross tons, and that a U-boat sunk a large armed merchant ships of 10,500 tons.

Bomber units again dropped numerous bombs on London and other military objectives in South England such as the naval harbour at Portsmouth and the munition dump in Great Yarmouth was also bombed with success.

Two ships were hit off Ramsgate. Italian planes participated in these operations.

As a reprisal for British attacks on German residential quarters, several hundred thousand kilos of bombs were again dropped on London during the night.

British planes flew under protection of darkness into Belgium, Holland and the German Reich, but their bombs did not, as usual, cause any damage worth mentioning to military objectives. The enemy on Tuesday lost 47 planes. Seventeen German planes were missing. — Reuter.

THE PRIVATE WITH A "PIP"

Leslie Mosley Epstein (10), a private soldier attached to a training battalion, was wearing the uniform of a second lieutenant of the Foot Guards when he appeared at Westminster accused of stealing clothing and a Post Office savings bank book from Reginald Beverley White, an actor, of Sutherland Terrace, S.W.

The Magistrate committed him for trial to the Old Bailey. Further charges against Epstein of being absent from his unit and wearing a uniform calculated falsely to suggest that he was an officer in the Army were adjourned.

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ITALIANS USING TACTICS OF HITLER IN POLAND

UP TO YESTERDAY evening, there was little accurate news in London of the actual fighting in Greece, although the latest reports indicated that the Italians have advanced slightly along the coast from Albania, where two Italian Divisions have advanced some five miles into Greek territory.

They have yet to contact the main Greek defences.

Fighting at other points has deteriorated into local skirmishes in which the Greeks seem to be holding their own.

It appears that the Italians are using the same tactics the Nazis used in Poland—they are testing the defences to find their weak points.

The Greek High Command is aware that the main attack may not yet have been launched and has made the necessary preparations.

Heavy artillery was in action in the offensive along the coast, but at other points the fighting has been confined to infantry duels.

There is no official confirmation in London of reports that the Italians have landed on the island of Corfu, and it is still denied that British troops are there.

The mining of the waters leading to Athens is only part of the immediate aid Britain is giving to Greece.

British Aid

Britain is giving the utmost aid in her power, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that the withdrawal of the French troops has made it considerably more difficult for us to send the immediate aid we could have sent six months ago.

Then, there was a large French Army in Syria and North Africa on our side, as well as the French Mediterranean Fleet.

At the same time, the Italians do not appear to be having things all their own way, and indication of this may be provided by a report that seven Italian troop-ships have crossed the Adriatic to Albania, presumably with reinforcements.

A Rome reports says that Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and Italy's Foreign Minister, has left for Tirana, the Albanian capital.

— Reuter.

CHINESE ADVANCE IN KWANGSI

Continuing their triumphant march, Chinese troops have reached the outskirts of Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi Province, according to despatches reaching Chinese quarters in London.

An assault on the city itself is proceeding.

Chinese troops operating along the Nanning-Lungchow Highway have scored successes. Lungchow, Mingkiang and Sullo have been recaptured.

On the east China front, heavy fighting continues in the famous Shaoshing wine producing centre in Chekiang Province where the Japanese were crushed and suffered heavy casualties.—Reuter.

PENSIONED OFF AT 94

For 84 years Mr. Charles Green, of Steyning Sussex, has been splitting skins to make leather for Germany, and is believed to be the oldest tanner in the country.

Next month he will be "pensioned off" at the age of 94—not because he wishes to retire, but because the war has closed the chief market for his work, and there is no more for him to do.

Mr. Green, who started work when he was 10, has been employed by the same firm for nearly 70 years.

C.N.A.C. AIR-LINER OUTRAGE

It is confirmed in Chungking that Mr. W. C. Kent, well-known American pilot of the China National Aviation Corporation, was among the nine killed and four injured when the C.N.A.C. air liner was shot down by Japanese aircraft on Tuesday.

Miss Lu Mei-ying, air-liner hostess, was among the dead. She was making her last trip having resigned to marry in Hong Kong. She was due to have finished work yesterday.—Reuter.

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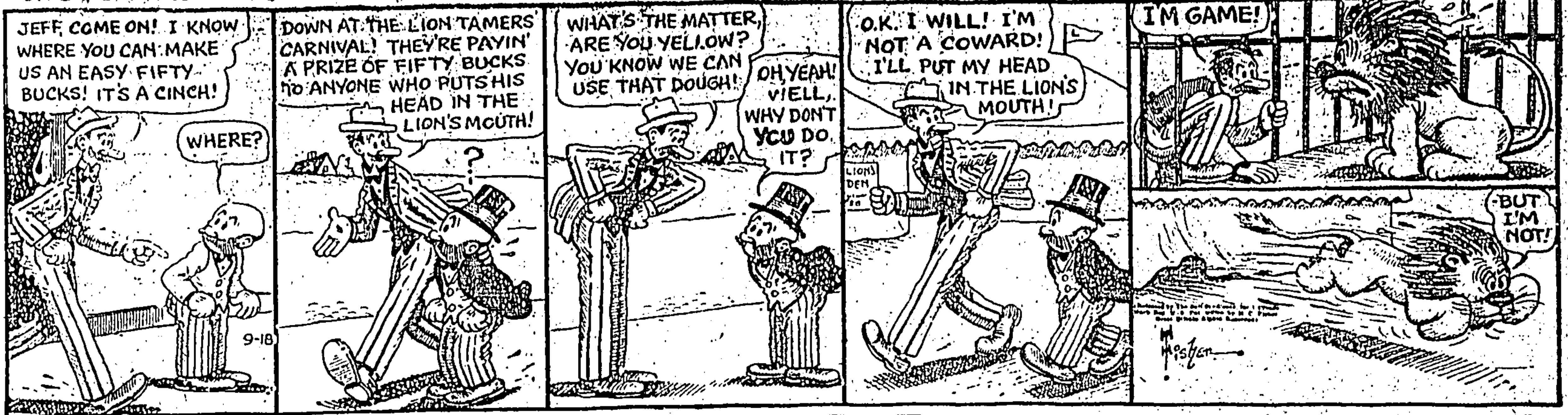
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NAZIS MAY ABOLISH THE CZECH STATE

OBSTINATE RESISTANCE BY THE POPULATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO NAZI RULE MAY LEAD TO THE ABOLITION OF THE PROTECTORATE AND ITS COMPLETE ABSORPTION INTO THE GERMAN REICH, DECLARED DR. HUBERT RITKA, THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN SECRETARY, IN LONDON.

"Hitler would have to exterminate the last Czechoslovak in order to be sure of his domination in our land," he said.

Recent reports indicated that civilian resistance necessitating the employment of hundreds of thousands of Germans to maintain order and Germany's economic difficulties were leading to the end of the Protectorate.

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SIREN BLEW: SHE 'HOPPED' FASTER!

We were sitting round the hopping-bin "somewhere in Kent" when the wail of the sirens cut through the singing of birds, the splash of running water, and all the other pleasant, leisurely country sounds, writes a correspondent.

Granny Smith, of Limehouse, 20-year habituee of the hope gardens, merely pulled a little faster at the soft green hops.

"Hopping can't wait for Hitler; we're short-handed already," she said.

The siren ceased, and the distant sound of a plane high overhead could be heard.

"Jerry," said another hopper, with a minimum of interest, as she, too, pulled faster than ever.

I have been in shelters, public and private, in train, bus and theatre when the siren has sounded, but for the best spot of the lot give me the hop gardens.

Shelter is near enough at hand to reassure the most timid; trenches and shelters—efficient A.R.P. organisation. Meanwhile, the matey, busy atmosphere of the hop gardens goes on, and this, together with the sane, detached way in which the country goes about its business, makes the hum of the 'planes no more important than the buzz of a mosquito.

Manager's Praise

Unfortunately, rumour has been so busy that many of the gardens are nearly empty, and even the

most fortunate growers can only muster 40 per cent. of their usual number of pickers to cope with a bumper crop.

The rumours range from stories of railway stations in ruins, to alleged radio threats from Haw-Haw that Goering is going to make a special point of machine-gunning hoppers. None of these stories has, of course, the smallest foundation, in fact.

This is the main reason why hundreds of pickers from Bermondsey and Limehouse and Stepney have decided this year not to risk exchanging the heart of London for the comparative peace of the hop gardens.

Other reasons are the fact that many mothers who usually make the trip to give their family a holiday have evacuated their children; that people prefer, in times of crisis, to remain at home, wherever "home" may be, and that at such times relatives like to stay together.

Meanwhile, an attempt to recruit pickers from other quarters has failed. This is principally because the living quarters provided for hoppers have appalled the potential volunteers. They had not realised that any "homeliness" there might be in a hopping camp was provided by industrious Londoners themselves, who papered hut walls, hung curtains and laid carpets brought from town.

One woman stated that she had been led to believe that she was to work in a camp where conditions were similar to those in holiday centres, and her first request was for the bathroom! She was shown a tin basin of water outside the door of a tin hut, in which a family were sleeping on straw.

In at least one camp volunteers recruited under a special scheme were sent down to help with the picking. They state that they were offered a good wage, with board and lodging. After one night they returned home, disgusted with the chalk-floored huts, and lack of cooking and washing facilities, and appalled by the sanitary arrangements.

Many Gardens Empty

It is also stated that a proposal to employ members of the Women's Land Army has fallen through in one district as the girls refuse point-blank to accept living conditions which have been "good enough" for regular pickers for many years.

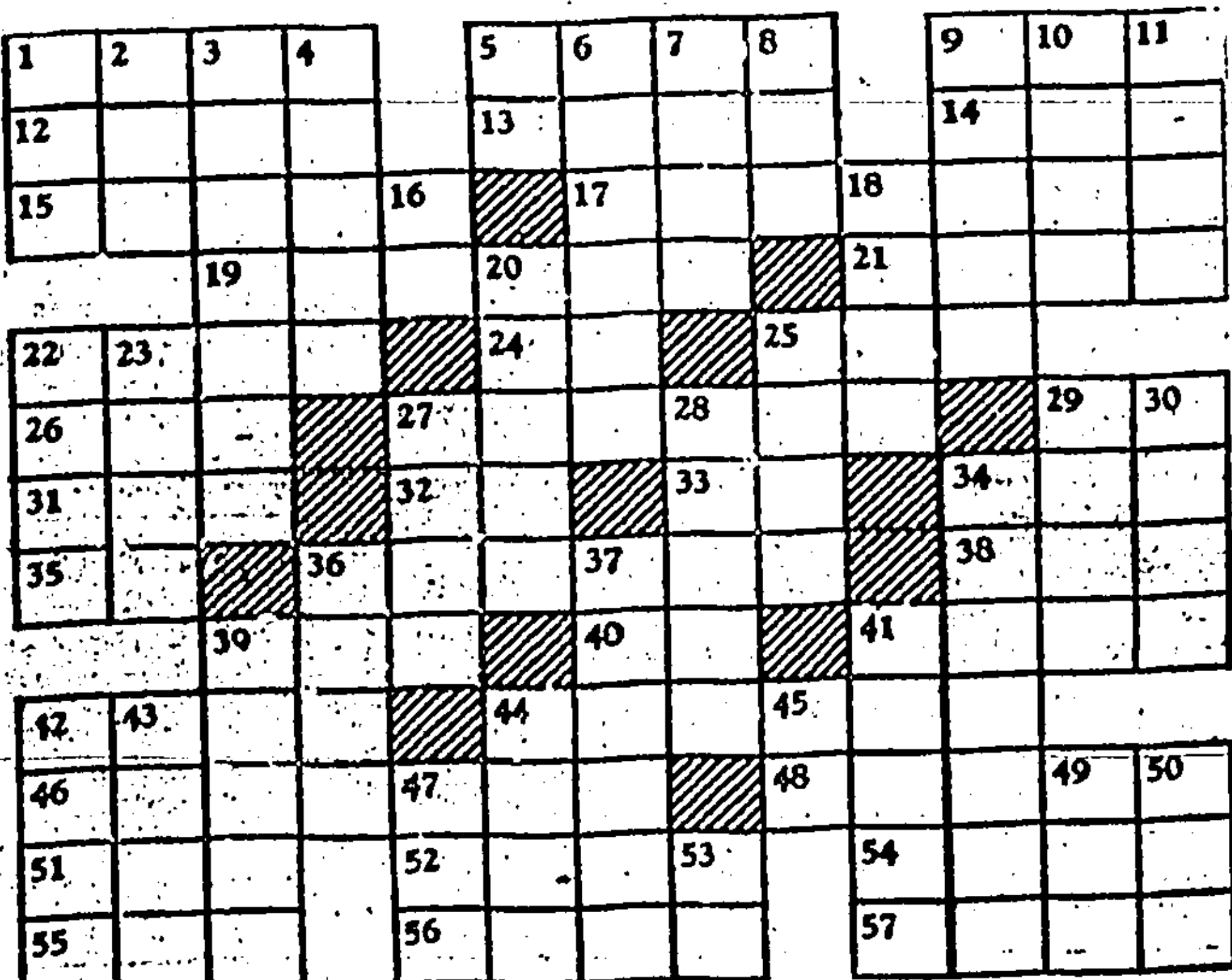
Meanwhile, at one camp I visited, the manager spoke in warm praise of those of the hoppers who had arrived.

"Never a light showing from any hut," he said, "if there's a warning they go on picking or take cover as they feel inclined, but they take everything calmly and sensibly."

Meanwhile, hopping has started a week before its usual time, almost before the crops are ready, in an effort to get them in, and picking, which usually lasts from three to four weeks, may go on for six, or even nine, weeks. Yet, in some parts, particularly the Eastern districts of Kent, it is likely that many fields will be "left to blow" for lack of pickers.

But it's strange to see a gas mask hanging on a hop bin, and how one misses the glow of the evening camp fires and the sing songs!

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Male deer
- 5 Route
- 9 Head covering
- 12 Solo
- 13 Unbleached linen
- 14 Sleeveless garment
- 15 Birthplace of Mohammed
- 17 To subdue
- 19 Fate
- 21 To bring to ruin
- 22 Vegetable
- 24 Preposition
- 25 Island
- 26 Male, high
- 27 Left unpaired
- 29 To exist
- 31 Clever
- 32 Artificial language
- 33 Symbol for Iridium
- 34 Uncooked
- 35 Egyptian astral body
- 36 To crowd against
- 38 Consumed
- 39 Brown
- 40 Note of scale
- 41 To declare
- 42 Sudden attack

VERTICAL

- 44 Centre
- 46 Circus performer
- 48 Looks askance
- 51 Favourite
- 52 Soon
- 54 Colloquial air vehicle
- 55 To attempt
- 56 Food-fish
- 57 To redact

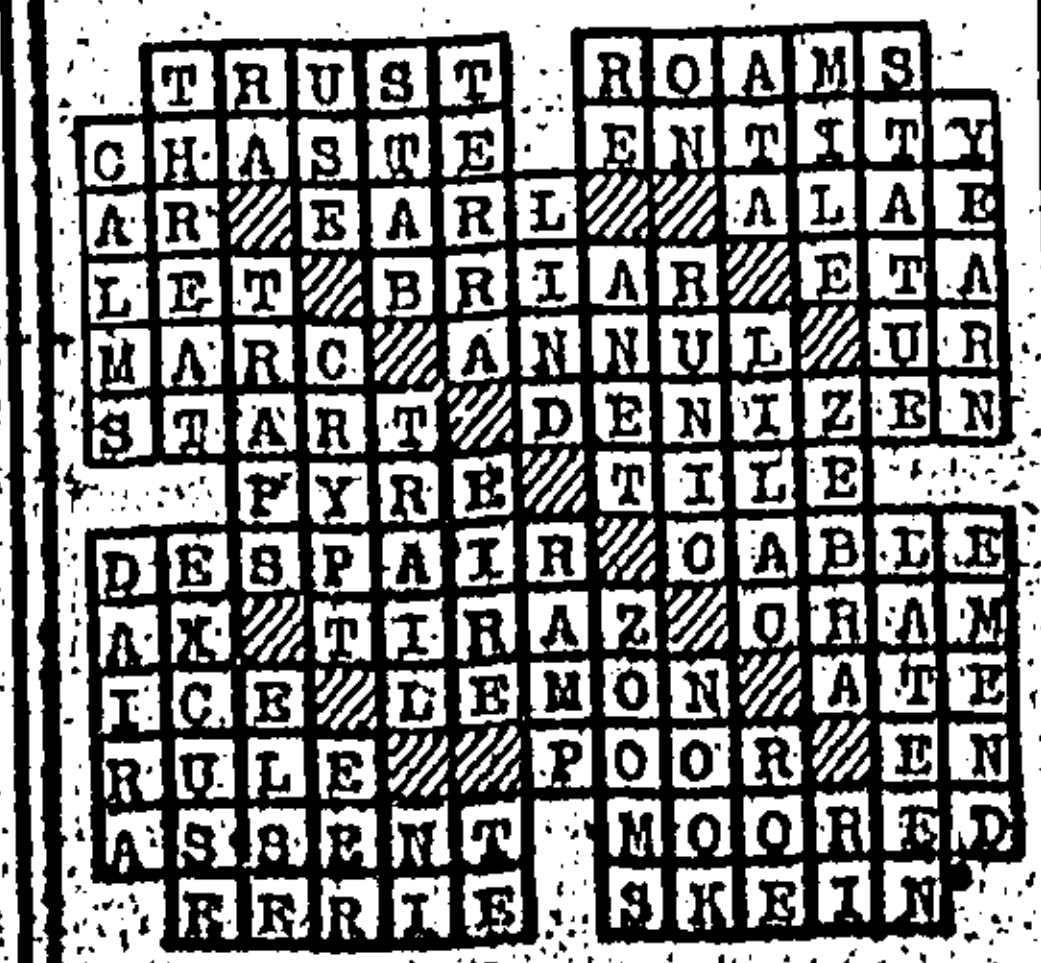
VERTICAL

- 1 Slang: poor actor
- 2 Land measure
- 3 Tottering
- 4 Inferred
- 5 Hebrew letter
- 6 Emphasis
- 7 To run slowly
- 8 Ancient Asiatic tribesman

VERTICAL

- 9 To visit persistently, as a ghost
- 10 In bed
- 11 Hawaiian rootstock
- 16 Like
- 18 To desist from
- 20 King of Crete
- 22 To enjoy genial influences
- 23 Girl's name
- 25 Land measure
- 27 To press
- 28 Troubled
- 29 To diminish
- 30 Pitcher
- 34 Disentangled
- 36 Japanese art of self-defence
- 37 Son of Poseidon
- 39 Soiled
- 41 Beawoods
- 42 Engrossed
- 43 Genus of maples
- 44 Hindu law-giver
- 45 Note of scale
- 47 Flying mammal
- 49 Bileworm
- 50 Drunkard
- 53 Sodium chloride

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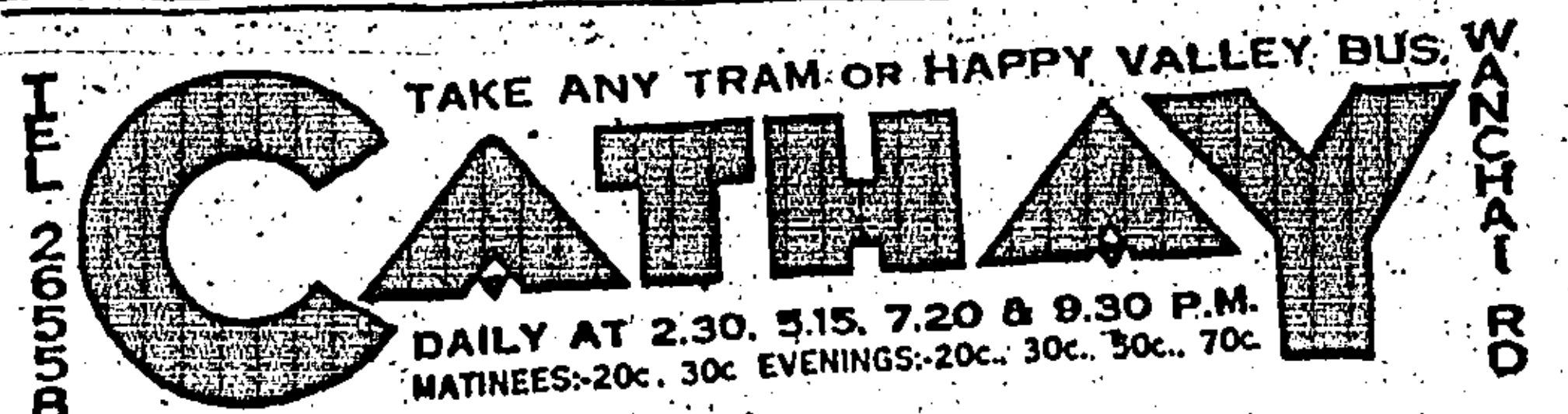
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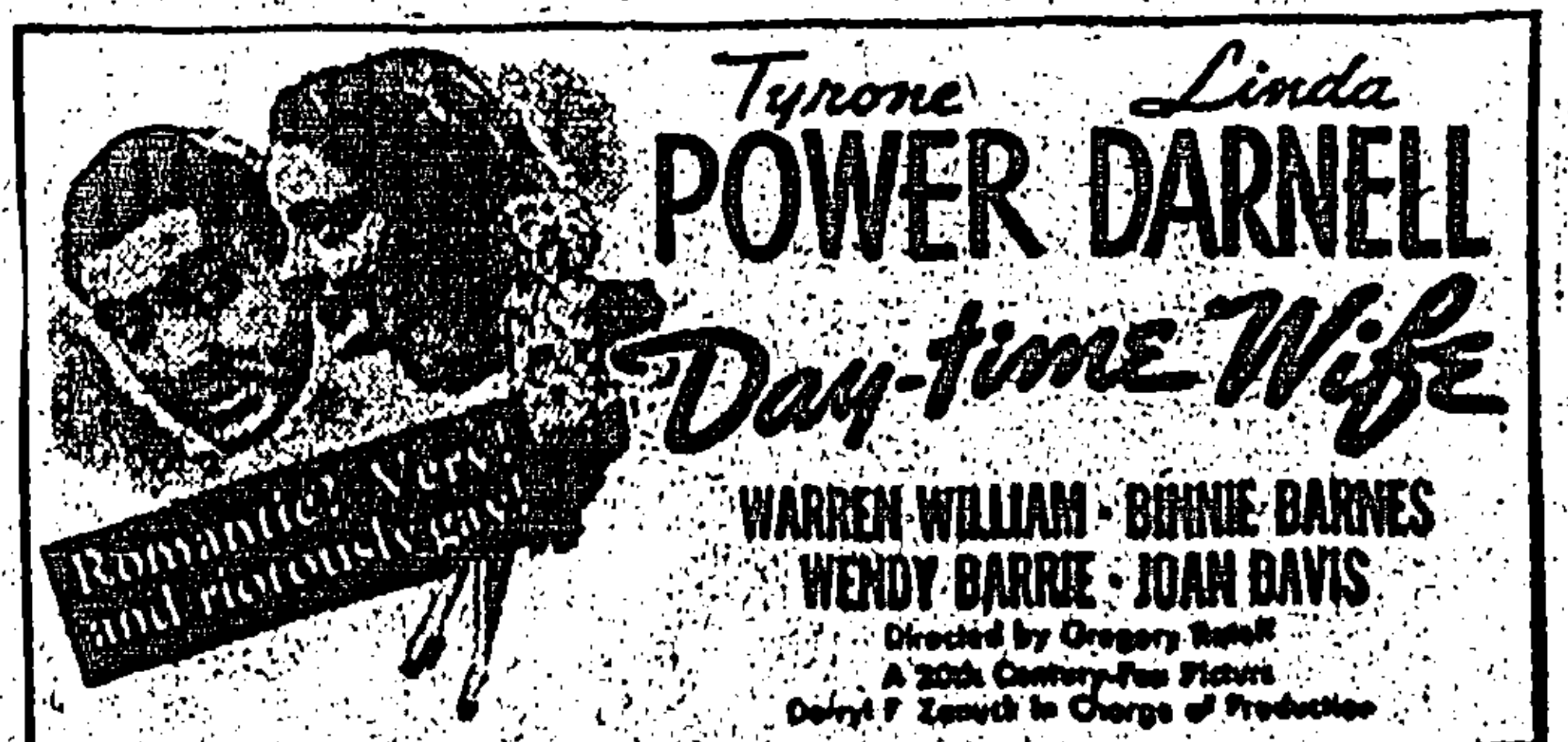
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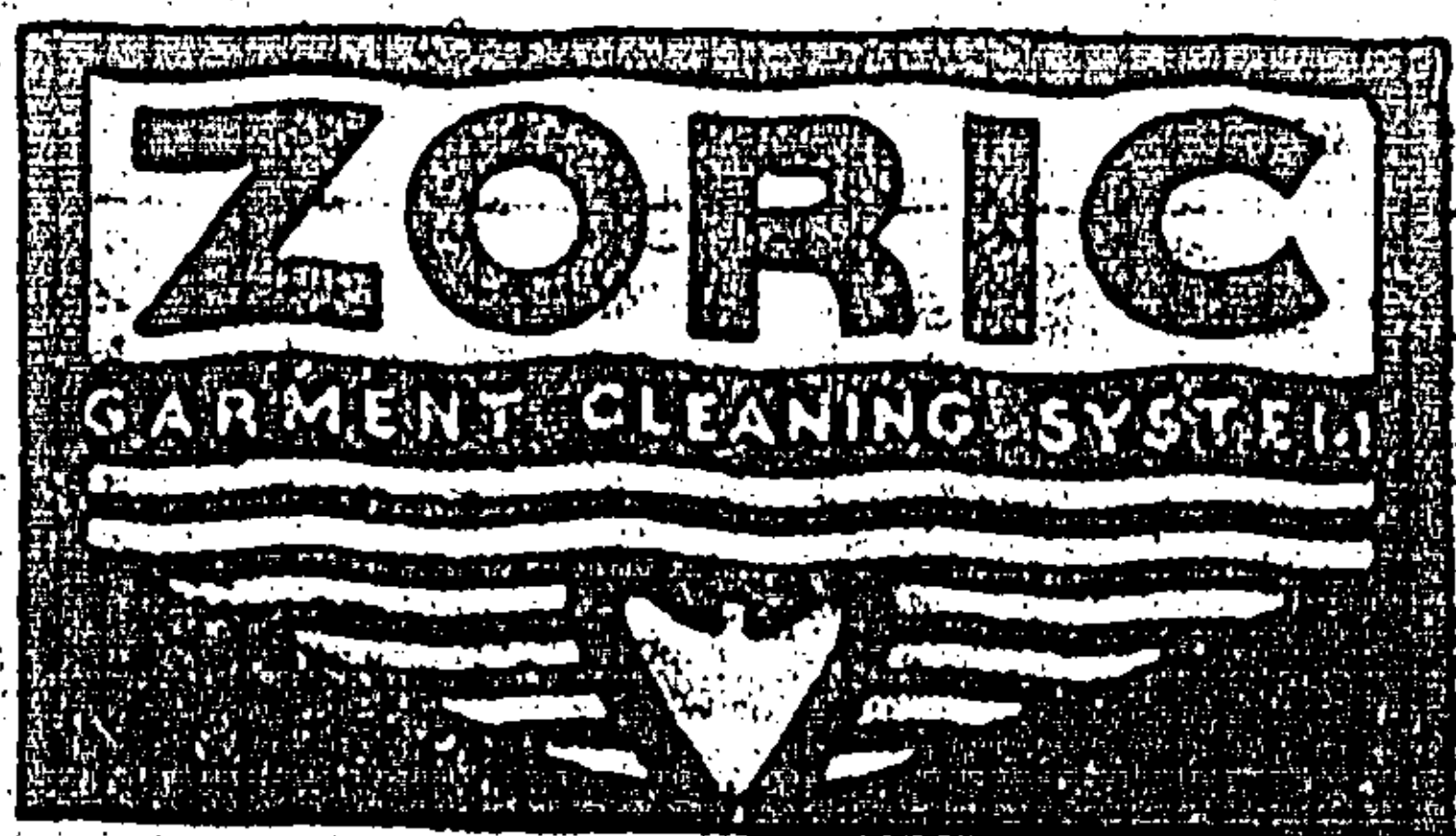
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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ON SIRENS AND SLEEP

How many hours of sleep can we lose without harm? This is what a large part of the population, kept awake nightly, by air raids, wants to know, writes a London correspondent.

The medical answer, though tentative, seems to be that we habitually sleep more than we need and, within limits, a little less sleep may do us no harm.

A doctor I talked to admitted: "English doctors have not studied the subject."

"It seems that German doctors have," he said. "You have heard the stories of the German mechanised troops who are given a drug that keeps them awake for 48 hours. But I don't think it can be said that anyone here is a specialist on sleep."

"Now doctors have their chance to examine the effects of lack of sleep in a large number of people. Let's hope they will take it."

"I believe less sleep will do little harm. For instance, young people who spend half the night at dances don't seem to feel any ill effects from it."

"I seem to remember when I was young that the morning after the late night felt a little vague," I told him.

That was enough for a doctor. "It probably wasn't the lack of sleep that was troubling you either," he said pointedly. "We agreed for my character's sake to leave it at that."

After Three Hours

It is true that neither doctors nor psychologists know what is the cause or the nature of normal sleep. There are at least four theories. One is about accumulation of acid products of metabolism, another about oxygen stored by the cells, there is a "toxin theory" and a theory that explains sleep as something that happens in the nerve cells.

Most of these are abandoned, and the popular theory at the moment is derived from the Russian Pavlov's experiments in conditioned reflexes. Sleep, say the modernists, is one big physiological inhibition.

It has been found that we sleep soundly only for the first three hours. After that the depth of sleep is very slight. Maybe we need the later hours less than we think.

Middle-aged people find sleep less and less necessary to them. History is full of stories (generally unverified) of great men and women who needed a minimum of sleep. Napoleon is the classic example of the man supposed to be able to go to sleep at will, taking an hour's nap in the middle of a battle if he felt like it.

There is a school of Napoleon fans who say he had stomach-ache at Waterloo and lost the battle because he lost his power to sleep. Psychologists would say that was because he lost his self-confidence.

Sleepless London

I asked all sorts of people how — or whether — they did without sleep.

London has been one of the sleepless towns this last week. Who is the representative Londoner? Naturally, the greatest of Cockney comedians, the man whom Londoners recognise as one of themselves. I mean Mr. Gordon Harker.

I found him making a film. It was between two air raid alarms, but shooting was going on merrily at the studios in Denham.

How does Mr. Gordon Harker do without sleep? The answer seems to be he just sleeps.

"I get home as soon as I can from the theatre," Mr. Harker says, "and I just go to bed. I haven't been later than 2 a.m."

That was when at the London theatre he is playing in, they had dancing on the stage since the alarm went on some hours after the show was over, and the audience couldn't go home.

"I have a reinforced basement and we've put a couple of camp beds down there," Mr. Harker says. "But we haven't been down there yet. Steady nerves? I don't think so. I couldn't see the point of staying up."

"We've been careful to take all the proper precautions — sand in

the attic and all that sort of thing. After that we try to live as normal a life as we can."

I think more than ever that Mr. Gordon Harker is a representative Londoner.

Relaxation

The man of affairs takes a slightly different attitude.

Mr. W. J. Brown, the Civil Service leader, can go to sleep at will. "The art of going to sleep," he told me, "is physical relaxation. You unbend every muscle. When you start unbending your muscles deliberately you will be surprised to find how many are tense."

"As you achieve physical relaxation, mental relaxation follows. Once this happens you can go to sleep."

"I snatch naps in my chair in this way whenever I have a spare moment. It is not as good as a night's sleep, but it's wonderful what a difference it makes."

The controllers of large staffs? I asked Mr. W. B. Neville, general manager of the London Co-operative Society.

He said: "People are adjusting themselves. If they miss sleep they are going to bed early to make up for it. People have been suffering from lack of sleep — that is quite clear. But the general attitude is that we've got to adjust ourselves and see that we shall not be thrown out of our stride."

"So far there has been no serious inconvenience to our night-work departments. Some have been affected more than others; but, generally speaking, we have got through without much trouble."

ITALIAN FINED

A conversation at Euston Station with two French sailors who had come over to join the forces of General de Gaulle was the subject of evidence given at Clerkenwell Police Court.

An Italian, Guido Bargerio (60), a cook, of Warwickway, Victoria, was charged on remand with using insulting words. Evidence was given through an interpreter by the French sailors, who alleged that Bargerio told them England would lose the war, and they should go back to France.

Bargerio, who said his sympathies were with England, was fined 40s. and a guinea costs.

CRASHED GERMAN PLAYS WITH TOY 'PLANE

In their bungalow in a South-East England rural area Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore were sitting down to breakfast when, through the window, they noticed a man limping along the road towards them.

He wore a drab uniform and had only one boot, and, when he reached the bungalow, he announced: "I am a German officer. I have had the misfortune to be brought down."

Gave Him Tea

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore asked him in and gave him bread and butter and tea.

He was grateful, played with a toy plane belonging to the Whitmores' little son, and laughed when they showed him a cartoon of Hitler.

He said he did not know the exact district in which he had landed, and wanted to know how far he was from the Thames.

He was caught in a searchlight and could not get away, he explained.

For two years, he said, he had lived in Manchester, and when he was asked if he were married he replied: "My wedding next week. Just my luck."

When the Whitmores handed him over to the police he shook hands with all of them.

"END FAIR PLAY TO NAZIS"

Sportsmanship and sympathy, except for our own kith and kin can have no place among us until war is over and done."

Lord Queenborough makes this declaration in the "Monthly Message" of the Royal Society of St. George when he writes:

"We can no longer tolerate with patience the extension of chivalrous, not to say, quixotic, treatment towards enemy airmen. Every further breach of international law and civilised practice by the enemy must be ruthlessly countered."

Blow For Blow

"Our native traditions of fair play and generosity to an opponent are deeply ingrained in us. To abandon them, even now, is hard and distasteful."

"But we no longer have the right to follow our inclinations — in the name of our own life as a nation we must return blow for blow, with harsh and iron determination."

GIRLS WERE RIGHT TO REFUSE 6 MONTHS' JOB

Girls had a right to refuse work when they were required by an employer to bind themselves for six months. This is the upshot of a decision of the umpire of the Court of Referees in Warrington, which has brought to light a remarkable story.

Last December a Warrington clothing firm's premises were destroyed by fire and girl operatives — members of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers — were suspended until the employers obtained new premises and machinery.

Six Months' Clause

In the meantime the girls were offered similar employment, through the Labour Exchange, with another firm, and were willing to accept until they found that the prospective employer would not accept them save on a written undertaking to remain in his service for a continuous period of six months.

The girls refused to accept this condition, since a week's notice on either side is the recognised practice in the industry, and the Labour Exchange suspended benefit pending a decision by the umpire at the Court of Referees.

Two individual cases were submitted to him, and the umpire has upheld claims for benefit.

In issuing his decision, the umpire states that if the six months' service clause of the prospective employer was enforceable it would render it impossible for the girls to return to their old employer, as they wished to do when he resumed business after the fire disaster.

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SHIPPING LOSSES

The sinking of the "Empress of Britain" has come as a rude shock, though the importance of the incident is capable of exaggeration, as witness some of the American broadcasts. The disaster was made possible by new Nazi tactics which will have to be met and doubtless will be met, and it was made possible by factors which have contributed largely to the recent increase in British shipping losses.

An increase in such losses when conditions at sea and the occupation of French ports began to favour the U-boat campaign was only to be expected. But whatever successes Germany is able to achieve are bought at a heavy cost. The destruction of enemy submarines is not regularly announced by the British Admiralty. Nazi broadcasts habitually exaggerate the tonnage of British shipping sunk to a fantastic extent. But the actual loss admitted by Britain for a recent week reached an impressive figure. The seriousness of this has not been under-rated in London. There is no reason, however, to fear that the efficiency of the convoy system has in any way weakened or that the Royal Navy is not pursuing the campaign against the U-boat menace with the utmost vigour and vigilance.

The collapse of France gave Germany numerous bases nearer the trade routes for attacking British shipping. That is obviously one explanation for the intensified submarine warfare. There has been concentration of smaller units of the fleet to meet the invasion danger, a situation which will be much relieved when America's 50 destroyers come into service. The new difficulty thus presented will undoubtedly be overcome. If the air blitzkrieg, always regarded as the greater danger, has failed, it is hardly likely that the utmost ruthlessness on the part of U-boat commanders can defeat the enormous strength of British sea power or come anywhere near starving Britain into surrender. Such a desperate situation nearly arose in 1917, when in the month of April alone 881,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping were sunk. The chances of a ship leaving the United Kingdom on a voyage and returning safely were

Anger and despair filled the British destroyer when it was realised that the shells were falling short of the Italian cruiser, now almost bursting her turbines in a frenzied effort to escape.

Mussolini had been wise. He knew what sort of fight the Italian Navy was destined to wage when he insisted that the first requisite of Italian warships was speed. Speed, and still more speed.

Through the sea-mists Italian sailors discerned the coast-line of Sicily; felt sure they were safe at last.

But now a speck appeared in the sky, grew in a matter of seconds into the shape of a vicious-looking British naval aircraft. Although shells burst round it, on and on it came.

When it dived almost to water-level, the Italians knew what to expect. You have to be near the surface when you release a torpedo, otherwise the jar of hitting the water dislocates the propelling mechanism of the projectile.

The aircraft flew to within a few hundred yards of the Italian cruiser—essential again, because a fast manoeuvring ship can dodge a 60-ft-a-second torpedo, given time.

A skim of foam through the water, a gigantic roar, and the tiny aircraft had delivered its gift from the British Fleet, in the shape of a torpedo, right into the bowels of the ship.

Speed, speed, speed, urged Mussolini.

But it hasn't saved them from the Fleet Air Arm, "shock-troops" of the Royal Navy.

His warships have sped for Africa's Tobruk if a wisp of smoke on the horizon has suggested that the British Fleet was about. They have cowered behind the vast semicircular harbour bar there.

The Fleet Air Arm has dived over the bar to torpedo, bomb and machine-gun them.

His submarines have skulked at periscope depth; ten times more afraid to show their noses than U-boat commanders.

Yet lads of the Fleet Air Arm have sent them rolling to the bottom.

Some of Mussolini's naval detachments, hearing that British ships-of-war are in one part of the Mediterranean, have tried to make a show of bravery six hundred miles away. But now they are even nervous about that.

British naval aircraft hunt them out, test them with three tons of bombs a minute. Fleet Air Arm units have maintained a grim tattoo of five tons a minute on a German naval base.

No wonder they hope that one day Il Duce will discover a bomb-proof harbour for good Italian sailors.

There are no German airman doing work comparable with that of the Fleet Air Arm—the youngest Air Force in the world. The

then only one in four. It has been frankly admitted since then that the whole Allied cause threatened to crash to earth just as America entered the war. The situation was saved in time by the adoption of the convoy system and the complete Government control of all matter affecting Britain's national life and the direction of national effort. Things are vastly different to-day. There can be no question of losing the war at sea while it is being won in the air.

Even if naval exigencies have compelled the aircraft carrier to move while he was "away from home," he should be able to spot it.

Yet, as probably a cunning enemy has followed him back, hoping he would reveal a wonderful target, he must not worry if no flashing message comes from the sea.

As well as navigational ability, he must have the patience and fortitude to wait bravely for a sign from the dark sea.

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infant was born as recently as May of last year.

The United States has such a service—but it hasn't had the test of war.

It is one thing to leave a friendly aerodrome, run the gauntlet of German anti-aircraft batteries, fly back—having a smack at a few Messerschmidts on the way—and

By
Maurice Fagence

then have lights to illumine your path to friendly "terra firma" and a hospitable mess.

The Fleet Air Arm has the same attacks from anti-aircraft guns, from bombers and from fighters—but without the other blessings.

The naval flying man's home is an aircraft carrier, a tiny speck in a wide expanse of sea. His "terra firma" is a swaying deck.

He sets out at dead of night and does 500 miles on sheer navi-

different directions at a given second. It really was a given second. A two-second error would have endangered the operation.

Although they left aircraft carriers 200 miles away, and took different courses, they arrived over their targets at the second arranged. And did murderous work.

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It is the same with gunners, radio operators, observers and others in the crews. They must be complete R.A.F. dirmen and know their naval flying duties as well. And be sailors into the bargain.

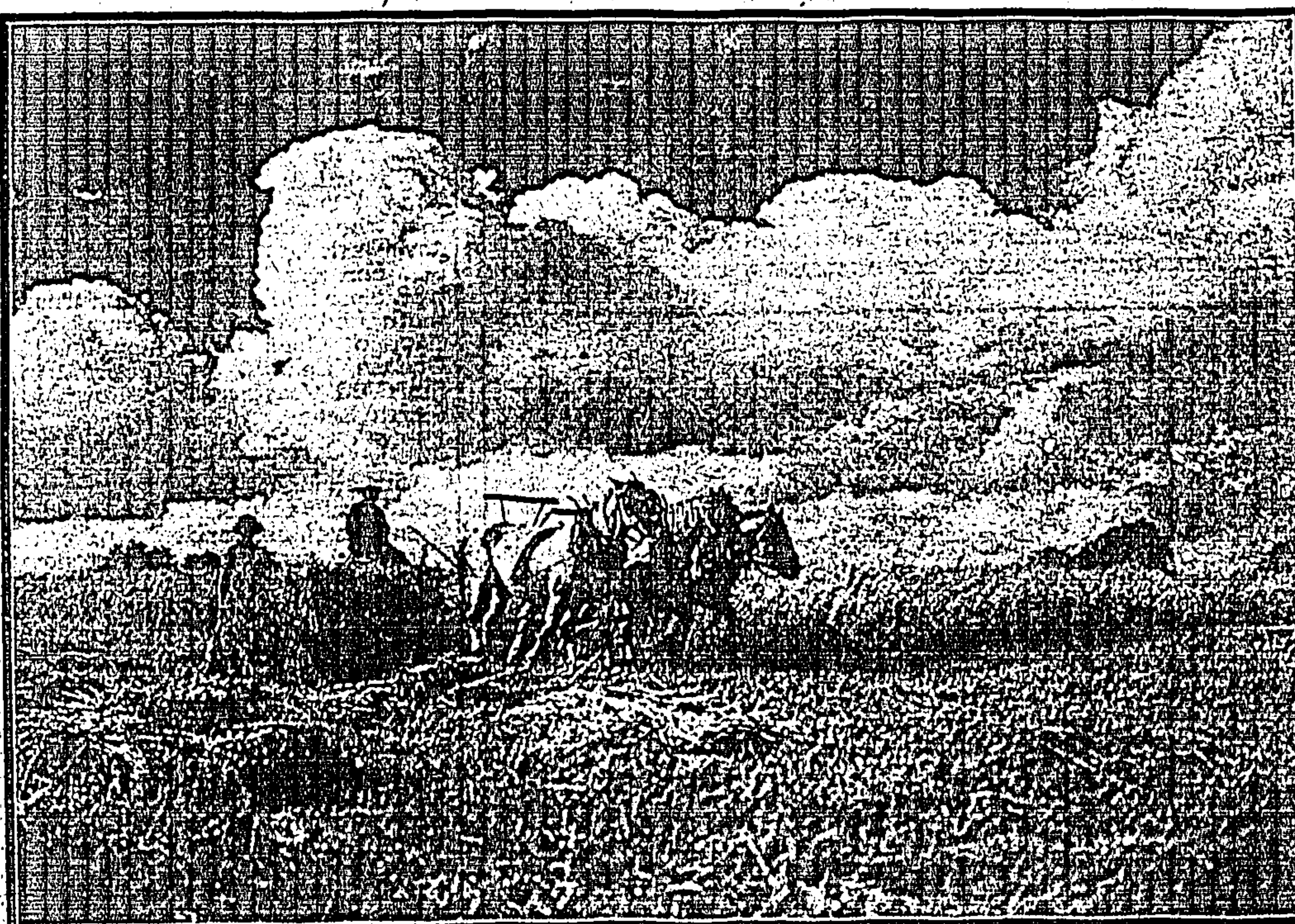
Judge their all-round ability from this.

A young midshipman pilot ran out of petrol. There are no petrol pumps at sea, and he was equipped only for a sea-landing. So he brought his machine down on the ground, "ski-ing" to a standstill on his floats.

Then he scrounged the petrol he wanted, slid off the ground, and got back to his carrier.



Judge their doggedness from this. Dive-bombing German war-



A picturesque scene near York as the farmer carries on with the harvesting, beneath heavy clouds. (Copyright, Fox).

gational ability not daring to ask his whereabouts by radio, because any ship that told him would reveal its whereabouts to the enemy.

Round and round he goes in that 500-mile course, always doing reconnaissance work, and sometimes a spot of fighting as well.

Then, whatever his revolutions in a barren sea, devoid of landmarks, he must steer a dead course for that speck he calls home.

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They have to learn how to be catapulted into the air: how to take off from and land on a ship that is trying to stand on end; how to bring a machine equipped with floats down into the water.

You may not believe it, but water is harder than clay. And dances about, which clay can't be persuaded to do. What is more, water is ever-changing. You need a hundred different techniques for "landing" in it.

Next, the pilot must learn to be a complete sailor. When afloat, he must do ordinary ship's duties. When his craft is on the surface of the sea he must navigate it as a ship—must function as a master of a ship.

He must fly machines that are necessarily far inferior to anything in service with the R.A.F.

They must be given added strength to enable them to withstand the shock of landing on deck or in the sea—and that can only be got at the expense of lightness and manoeuvrability.

They must be considerably smaller than machines used from a land base. Even the biggest aircraft carriers would only be able to give ship's space for half a dozen or so big R.A.F. machines.

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ships in a Norwegian fjord, a Fleet Air Arm machine was hit by anti-aircraft fire. His port petrol tank alight, the pilot dived into the fjord.

Under the noses of the Germans he put out the fire when he had only 20 gallons of petrol left, took off, and made a safe landing alongside a British destroyer.

If you would know about the men as personalities, read this.

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"We understand you have intercepted a British flying-boat that put down in your harbour," said the Voice of Officialdom.

"Sure, I've done no such thing," sang back the harbour-master. "They've flown away. I couldn't think of being neutral against young men so charming."

Charming? Forgive Mussolini if he fails to agree.

He is known to have earmarked some four hundred of his best machines to keep a special watch on the horns of the Royal Navy.

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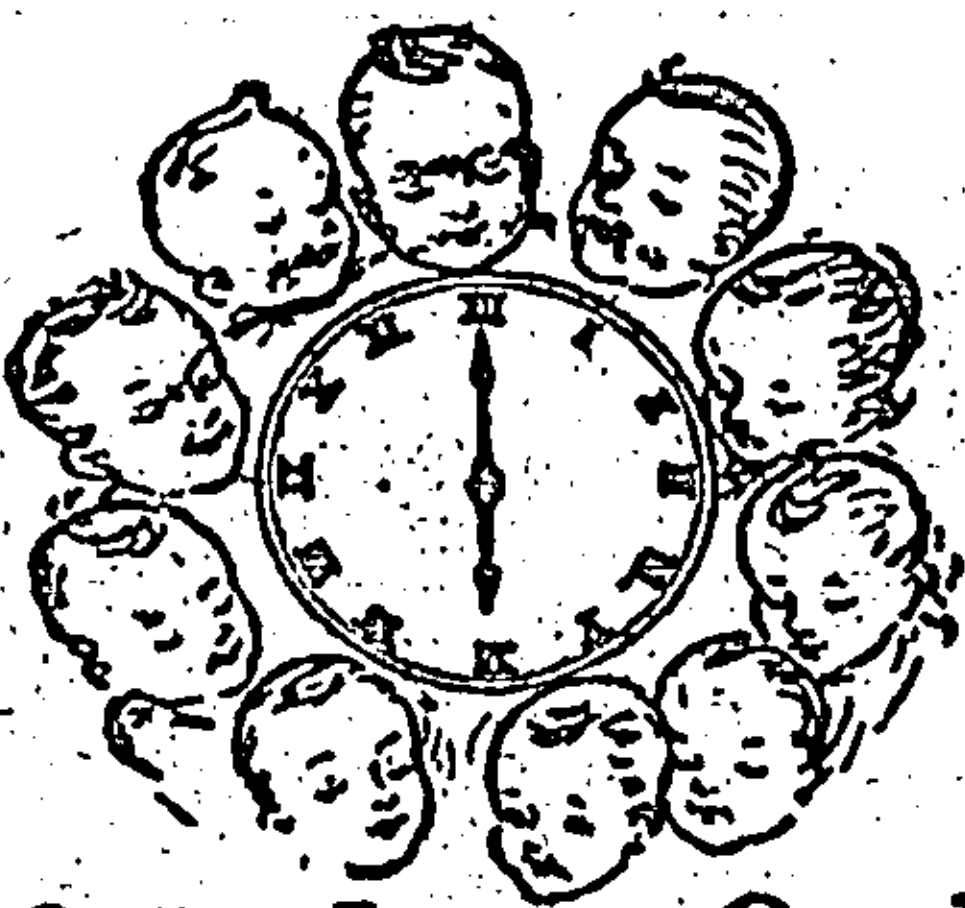
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After a couple of months of enforced silence due to the exigencies of the service (good old standby excuse!) in the shape of six weeks on the high seas and mountains of work since our arrival in this country, I can now write again and tell you all about myself and what has happened to me since my last letter.

I am not quite sure as to the date of that last letter of mine. It must have been written about a month before our sudden departure from our last station—at the latest, two weeks, or about the middle of May. However, I am going to date this narrative from the beginning of June and leave you to guess the hurly-burly of life around me when we received 72 hours notice to move—and no destination given.

We sailed from Bombay on June 6 and 24 hours later were told where we were going. Two days afterwards Italy declared war and the Mediterranean route was closed to us. So we turned south and came Home via the Cape of Good Hope, stopping at Durban, Cape Town, Takoradi in the Gold Coast, and Freetown in Sierra Leone.

Great Receptions

Durban and Cape Town are wonderful places. The people there gave us wonderful receptions and practically the freedom of both places. The "free" in "freedom" was particularly emphasised. We could not pay for anything, no matter how we tried, or what we bought, ate or drank. One chap even had an aching tooth extracted "buckshee." We were invited to people's homes for meals, offered lifts in cars everywhere—in fact, we were very embarrassed by all the attention showered on us.

At Durban we staged a route march through the town, just to stretch our legs, but found ourselves in for a triumphal procession all along the route. They were out in thousands, whooping themselves hoarse, just as if we had already won the war. As I have said, it was most embarrassing, but we were sorry to leave both places.

Freetown was little better. It was quite a town, but we did not go ashore, for it poured with rain all the time we were there.

The trip up to Freetown was quite pleasant and we had plenty of time for relaxation. But after Freetown we were in the danger area and a sharp look-out had to be kept by all six liners (not troopships!) in the convoy as well as by our escort.

Escort Increased

Two days out of Liverpool, our escort was increased and during the last 12 hours the sea literally swarmed with protecting boats, while overhead were dozens of planes. All very impressive, and doubtless a great deterrent to any enemy subs, which may have been around, for not a sign was there of any excitement.

We arrived in Liverpool on a cold, misty morning, which did not give me a favourable impression, at first glance, of England. Strange to say, I felt no thrill at setting foot in my own country for the first time.

Aldershot was our final destination and there we stayed two weeks, while we were fitted out with all sorts of new gadgets for waging war, and had time to get over our embarrassment at having to wear romper-suit-like Battle-dress, wonderfully comfortable "clobber" with no buttons to clean, praise be!

Leave in Worthing

During those two weeks, half the Battalion was sent away at a

time for six days leave. I spent mine with a fellow-sergeant at his home in Worthing, a lovely little town on the Channel coast, set amongst the loveliest Downs country imaginable. I fell in love with the whole place, and have made up my mind that I shall settle there when my soldiering days are over.

This, my second glimpse of England, explained why Englishmen rave about this little island. There can be very few places in the world like the south of England. Beautiful hardly describes it.

Leave over, we settled down to hard training, moving out of Aldershot to our present place to do so. We are still at it—and, unlike most training, thoroughly enjoying it, exhausting though it some times is. I have been over nearly all of Hampshire, Sussex and Kent on manoeuvres—that is why I know the south of England is so lovely. Sleeping out in the open is really enjoyable—soft, thick grass, balmy dry weather and, best of all, no mosquitoes, or other biting and stinging horrors. Bees and hornets are plentiful but peaceable. Wonderful England!

Disappearing Tricks

Training these days has a dash of spice. Mimic warfare, because it is mimic, always makes us careless about "safety tactics", but now we have to be extra-careful—not about the friendly "enemy", but because of the real enemy overhead. It is amusing at times, while careering about chasing, or being chased by, the other side, to see all troops suddenly stop "shooting" each other up and vanish completely from sight on the appearance of a plane—any plane—and only continuing the "battle" when the umpires' whistles blow the "all clear." We are now very expert at making ourselves, and all our impedimenta, such as two-ton lorries and armoured carriers, absolutely invisible from the air. Jerry's planes have passed over us by the score, singly and in huge masses, but never once have they spotted us—"us" being battalions of infantry plus scores of lorries and such-like. Touch wood!

Which naturally brings me to the subject which is interesting the whole world—Jerry raids on England. We are at the end of one week of Goering's so-called Blitzkrieg. Yesterday the R.A.F. topped the century for the second time with a bag of 140, of which day more anon.

Without exaggeration these raids are a frost. Jerry comes over in crowds—hundreds at a time—is met by our aircraft as they cross the coast, chased by the Spitfires and Hurricanes all over the place, shot up to blazes by tremendous barrages of A.A. fire, and such as are left are glad to be out of it. The speed with which they disappear is amazing. One lot of about 300 passed directly overhead one day, heading inland in temporarily mighty formation, but before they had gone quite out of sight they were all back again—hell for leather, every man for himself—heading for home.

They drop bombs, of course, but never with much accuracy. They are too hurried for that. Most of the bombs are dropped in bunches, as they lighten their machines to make more speed, but most of these drop in open country and do little damage beyond spoiling one or two cows' output of milk for the day.

They have caused damage, of course, but mainly to civilian property in towns. These are no accidents, I can assure you, but deliberate foul play. But then, what can you expect of a Ger-

man? Read on further, and perhaps your blood might boil.

Children Machine-Gunned

I was out yesterday on a job of work which took me to a place which I must not name and which was visited by Jerry. I was driving a lorry and when Jerry came over I pulled up on the side of the road under a tree and sat tight. There was no time to do anything else.

A hundred yards ahead of me was a little playground in which a couple of dozen little children were playing. When Jerry came up, these kiddies were rounded up and hurried along, I suppose, to an air-raid shelter. At any rate, they had to run down the road. They were machine-gunned from the air.

One dirty hound came right down and sprayed the street from end to end, right along the line of running kiddies. How none were hit is a mystery to me. I could see the bullets hitting the road all about them, but they got clear away, thank goodness.

I wish I could say I saw that Jerry hound shot down. He zoomed straight up immediately afterwards, and disappeared. I hope he was one of the 140; and one that burned all the way down. I have never felt so mad in my life before. I am angry even now as I write of it.

Civilians Keep Calm

But let me get on to something pleasant.

The behaviour of the civilians here during the raids is something to marvel at—they are so cool, so unhurried and so cheerful even in the middle of a bombardment. I think their attitude towards it all is that it is all a nuisance which must be endured. Certainly I have never heard one of them express fear yet. If Adolf could see them during a raid he would stop his terrorising tactics at once, because it would be apparent even to him that these tactics are wasted on the civilian population. They simply refuse to panic, it ever a thought of it has entered their heads.

It makes me smile to think that in 1937 half the population of Shanghai left town because half-a-dozen bombs were accidentally dropped on it. A bit of a contrast, don't you think?

Plenty Of Good Food

I have just about run dry. All I have to say now is that I am still as fit as a fiddle (officially classified A.I.) and thoroughly enjoying life.

One more thing of importance: Don't believe anything you may hear about food shortage in England. We arrived in this country expecting—and dreading—something weird and wonderful in diets. We need not have worried. The food is wonderful and, what is better, there is plenty of it, so much that orders had to be issued regarding salvaging of waste food to feed pigs and things! We are stuffed with bacon, ham, beef, mutton in turn, vegetables of all descriptions, fruit, and even fruit cake and pineapple at tea time! Tea or cocoa is available, every meal and no stinting in sugar either. There is one shortage—eggs!—and even that is being rectified now. No, no complaints at any dining table.

FIRST BLOOD TRANSFUSION

The first man to be saved by a blood transfusion, 54 years ago, has died.

He was Mr. James Philip, of Elm Bank, Wilkinton, Midlothian, who, but for the transfusion, would probably have been dead for half a century.

In 1886, Mr. Philip was badly injured in a colliery explosion.

He was rushed to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, where Prof. Alldendale achieved the first recorded blood transfusion in history.

Blood transfusion is now a recognised scientific treatment and there are "blood banks" all over Britain.

HOW BRITAIN WORKS THE SKY TRAP

If a Nazi airman were asked what his dread moments were as he ploughs a way through the black skies in his bombing raids over England he would probably say the few seconds his plane is piloted through the beam of a searchlight, writes a London correspondent.

He knows that once focussed and superimposed by this ray of brilliance his chance of escaping the fury of anti-aircraft guns is a very small one. He tries a frenzied "jinking," turning here, twisting there to evade the pointer that is making him the perfect target for those men behind the guns so eagerly awaiting the "Fire!" when the bearing of the plane has been determined.

It is easy to understand why these German bombers are reluctant to get down to a height which might enable them to make accurate bombing. They dare not. Take the risk, and there is a heavy price to pay.

So it is that these searchlight crews form one of the most vital sections of the ground defence team operating. First, to thwart the advance of the enemy, and then, should he succeed in passing through the aerial barrier, to bring him to earth.

These are the men who, through months of inertia when the war was carried on in other spheres, were the forgotten men of the Army. Today, in the midst of intensified bombing attacks they are playing their part magnificently.

Weeks were spent in sharpening faculties, tuning ears and eyes to the infinitesimal sounds and spectacles of the heavens, until now, when the demand is made on them, they are well prepared for their onerous job.

Silent And Unobtrusive

The defence of the big cities in night attacks—the fate of London, it may be said—hinges on the efficiency of these searchlight crews. If they fail the enemy succeeds, but they are seeing to it that they do not. I can vouch for that.

After days spent at an A.A. battery, whose guns seem to tear aside the very skies, I found a strange contrast at a searchlight site; nothing so spectacular in their silent and almost unobtrusive operations, but with the same sinister threat to any enemy target.

There may seem incongruity in a lift attendant and a provision counter hand now in a specialised post of "spotter," or a commercial traveller dictating readings to the smallest degree to direct the searchlight operator, but they are now men of the Army trained to their task after months of preparation, no longer civilian "nonentities."

And there are others—a brewer's foreman as detachment commander, taking instructions from headquarters, and giving his own to his crew; a coal heaver and a bank clerk side by side operating the intricacies of the sound locator. A big and real job is theirs now, and we owe them a lot.

To you and I it may have appeared a simple sort of business, piercing the skies with a high-powered finger of light. It looks it, no doubt, but there is so much more in it than merely pointing a beam to the heavens. Here is how I saw it during a raid on London this week.

Brrr-Brrr-Brrr-Brrr comes the alarm ring from headquarters. We had waited on the fourth ring. That means impending attack and action. Out race the men to their light and locator; lines are tested, positions taken up and the command from the detachment commander, "Take Post!"

A beam is seen by a spotter from the south-east, and he passes it on to the D.C. The plane is getting nearer. It comes within range, and "Expose!" cuts through the air as sharply as the ray of light that belches from the searchlight.

On The Target

Then No. 6 does his work. The sound locator is tracking the

plane as it is making its course overhead. Two trumpets are telling him of its altitude and two its bearings. By telephone, No. 6 is directing No. 4, the searchlight operator, whose delicate turning on his "steering wheel" is focussing the beam on a spot chosen by the locator.

"Up! down! Up! quick! Down! stop! right quick! r-i-g-h-t (slowly)!" and so on, No. 4 hears on his telephone from No. 6. Dextrous turns and twists, and the beam is following the target. Another beam and then another comes into the hunt, until there is a concentration of light the plane has small hope of evading.

The edge of a beam has touched the target; next instant it is lost and a frantic search goes on again. It has managed to get away, and, out of range of our light, the order is given to "Douse!" But the chase goes on and in adjoining zones other beams flash out.

Another plane approaches from the south-east. Again "Expose!" and a shout from the left. A spotter has seen the target. "Target seen No. 3" comes from the detachment commander. "Carry on No. 3," and No. 3 takes the responsibility of guiding the searchlight operator until he has lost sight of it. Back comes the sound locator to direct the course again.

Then the big thrill of the night. As fan-wise two beams are moving slowly across the path of others, the target is caught. A tense straightening-up, and the lights converge on it greedily. Seconds only before the roar of A.A. guns join in the death battle the Nazi is now fighting. Manoeuvre as he may, he cannot escape those brilliant pencils of light that are writing "End" to the enemy's adventure.

A crash of gunfire, shells spitting all around the plane, and down it comes, as a colleague, whose Home Guard duty it was to guard the wreckage, told me, "a tangled mass that would not have filled a sack."

No Respite

The searchlight crew have done a good job; the spade work for the guns to put the finishing touch. But there's no respite. That is only the beginning. Other raiders are coming in, and, well warmed-up now, they go into the struggle keener than ever. And so through the night, ever alert, with eyes and ears straining for the chance of another "kill."

That, then, is how a searchlight protects us. It has, however, a dual purpose. There are certain zones in which British fighter aircraft operate, and it is here that the searchlights again have a big share in the results that are being achieved.

Even dense clouds, a big handicap and restriction in spotting for A.A. guns, cannot completely dim the beam, which will penetrate them and illuminate the target for our fighters beyond them.

Give a thought to these men. Exposed not only to the elements, they face a much bigger danger in the threat of machine-gunning and bombing, for they also present a target to the enemy. They must stay at their post with beam exposed until they get the command to stop, no matter what is going on above them.

MASTERS OF THE LUFTWAFFE

This is the time of the Spitfires and Hurricanes. They are splendidly flown. One can say with certainty that the Spitfire and the Hurricane have between them saved us in the war. No praise is too high for the way they have been flown and fought by the enthusiastic youngsters of the Fighter Command.

Admitting the excellence of the pilots and the effectiveness of the armament, what can be advanced as an explanation of how these aircraft have consistently brought down enemy fighters of practically equal performance? The clue to the main technical superiority lies in power of manoeuvre and control, and that, in turn, is a product of superlative design.

Genius Of Designers

In each and every encounter they have proved their superiority over far more numerous formations of enemy fighters and bombers. The success of the two machines is due to the genius of two British designers and their teams of technicians.

The Supermarine Spitfire, designed by the late Mr. R. J. Mitchell, first flew in 1933, and Hawker Hurricane, designed by the very much alive Mr. Sidney Camm, is also more than four years old. It first flew in November, 1935, and went into service early in 1938. Since then both machines have been built in big numbers.

The success of the Spitfire and the Hurricane is due in a large part to the development of the Rolls-Royal Merlin liquid-cooled motor, which develops more than 1,000 h.p. It gives the Spitfire a top speed of 367 m.p.h., and the Hurricane, a bigger aeroplane, a maximum of 335 m.p.h.

Great Fire-Power

But in the type of dog-fight going on at present, manoeuvrability counts even more than speed, and in that particular both the Hurricane and the Spitfire far excel any German fighter. And once in contact with the enemy the eight guns in the wings of both types, firing at a total rate of 9,600 rounds a minute, leave little doubt about the outcome of a fight.

Good as are the Spitfire and the Hurricane, still better fighters will be in service with the R.A.F. before long.

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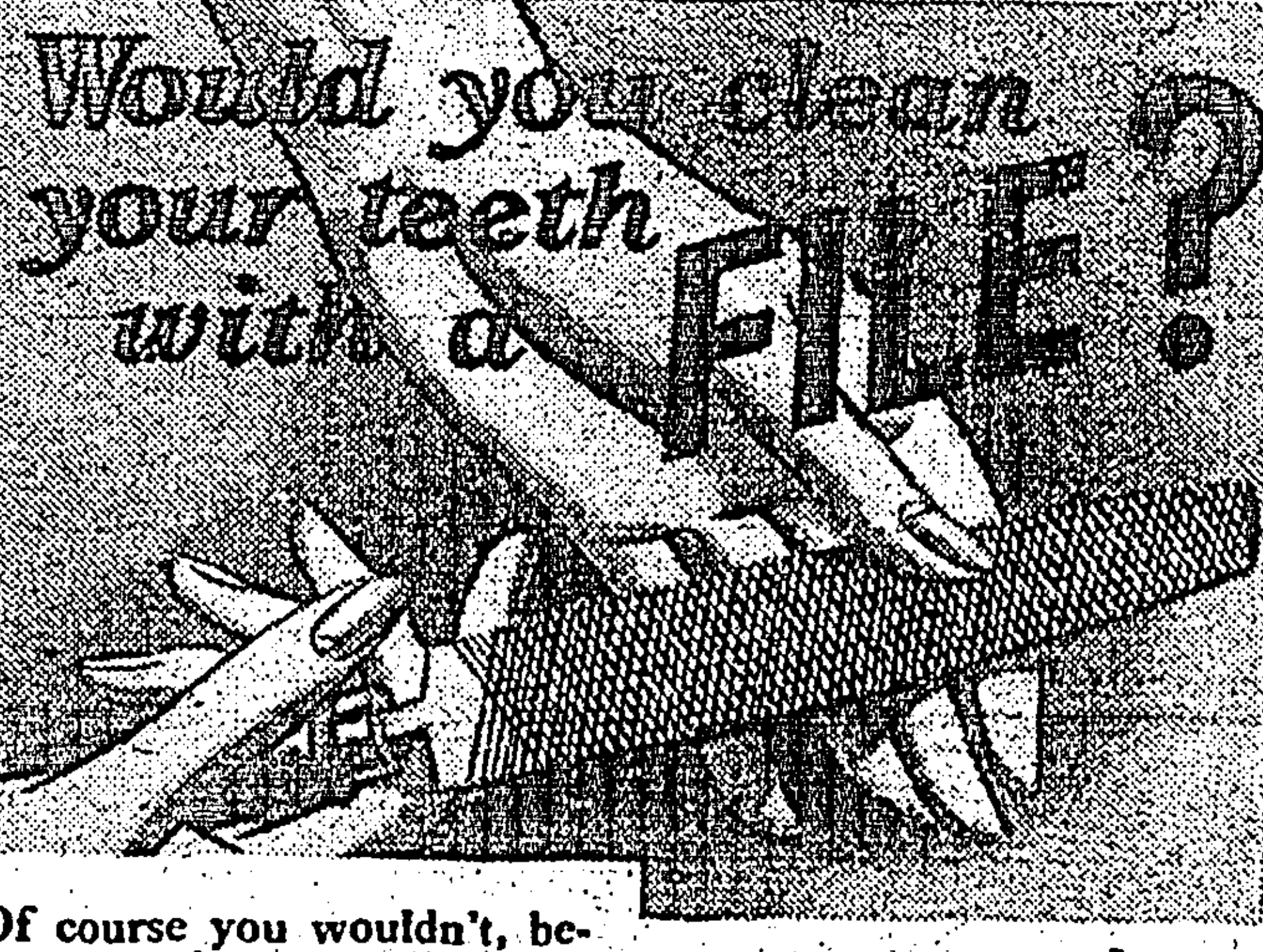
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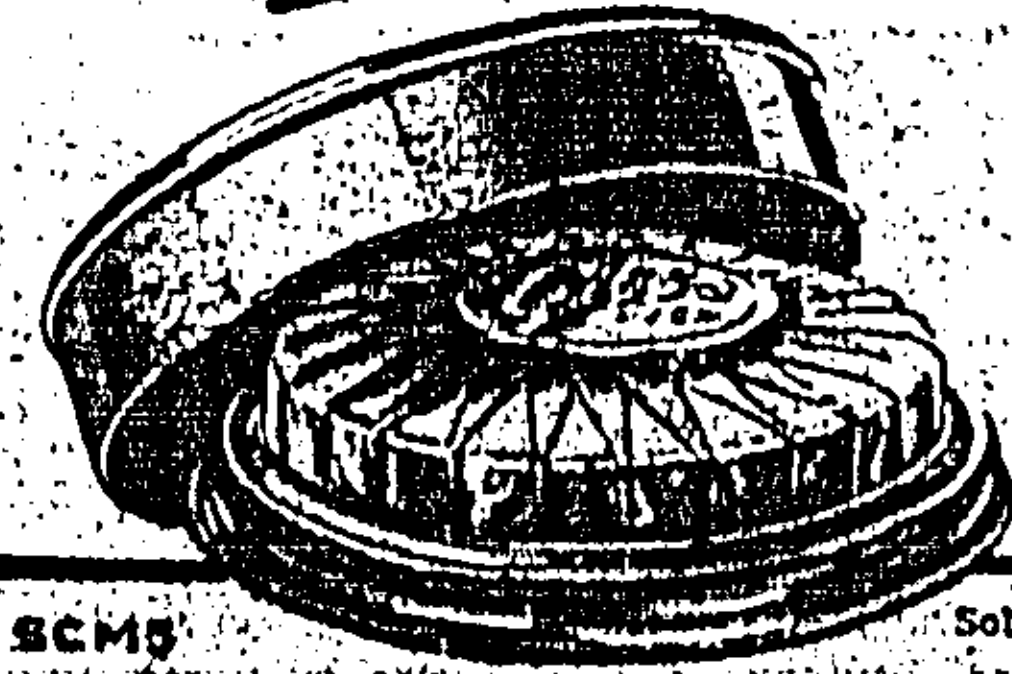
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Four Day Hair Drill

Letter after letter arrives asking for help with scalp troubles. Almost every other person, it seems, is bothered with thin hair patches, scalp irritation, falling and poor hair.

And so here we are going to outline a special four-day treatment to deal with these problems.

We want to make it quite clear that this treatment is not for definite scalp disorders, such as alopecia. For these you should get medical advice. The routine suggested will correct the symptoms of under-nourishment as listed above, including bald patches.

One or two of these "oases" doesn't mean you've got alopecia. But if you hair looks as if it's moulting, then ten to one you have. The aim of the treatment is to supply food to the hair

glands under the surface of the skin in the corium.

And it's not an easy job, because you have to find an oil which the pores will absorb, together with an antiseptic which will prevent harmful substance entering with the oil, and an astringent to close the pores after their meal.

This is how it is done:-

MONDAY.-At bedtime massage a little gland cream into the roots of the hair. Leave on all night.

TUESDAY.-Wash hair with antacid shampoo mentioned in my

last hair article.

WEDNESDAY.-Smooth into scalp a small amount of conditioning cream, also described in that article. Rinse out with warm water.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.-You can have these days off.

SATURDAY.-Gently apply to the scalp a preparation which has the necessary nourishing, antiseptic and astringent properties.

On the following Monday week begin the treatment again. Two such treatments are usually enough, but you might have to continue for a third week.

There's Danger In Measles

Before And After Effects

It's a good thing that to-day we live in more enlightened times than did our not-too-distant ancestors. Most of the middle aged will remember that when the milder forms of infectious illnesses broke out, the entire family were thrown together in the hope that they would all get it.

This was the case with measles. The sooner all the children had it the sooner would family life return to normal. To-day, measles is a very serious illness. No parents are doing their duty who do not strive their hardest to prevent its spread to other members of the family.

It carries with it the risk of dangerous complications, and permanent damage may be done to the ears or the lungs.

The cause of this illness is unknown, but after an interval of from seven to twenty-one days following infection, it begins suddenly.

Sneezing and congested nose, eyes and throat, together with fever, are the first symptoms. The patient is restless and irritable. Next day the face becomes puffy, symptoms of a head cold become more severe and coughing begins.

As a rule, the rash does not appear until about the fourth day, when spots can be seen on the forehead near the hair. These soon spread to the face, body, and then to the limbs. The rash consists of deep red blotches, which soon fade to a brownish colour.

In most cases of uncomplicated measles, the symptoms have gone in ten days. The child is no longer capable of passing the illness on to others in two weeks of the appearance of the rash.

As, however, measles may take some time to develop, children who have been in contact with a case are not considered out of danger until three weeks have elapsed. Measles are most infectious during the early stages.

The sickroom should be well ventilated but if up-country kept warm. A good fire should be kept going in winter, so that an even temperature of about 63 degrees Fahrenheit is maintained. The chest should be protected with flannel, and the eyes screened from the light.

Weak boracic lotion makes a good solution for bathing the eyes, which are always inflamed and painful. A steam kettle filled with boiling water, to which a teaspoonful of Friars Balsam has been added to each pint of water, makes breathing easier.

Irritation is often troublesome, and may be treated by sponging with warm boracic lotion or by applying oil.

The bowels must have attention and the diet, while fever lasts, should consist mainly of milk and fruit juices. Don't be in a hurry to let the patient get up. He should be kept in bed for at least a week after the temperature has come down to normal. If everything has gone satisfactorily, he may be safely allowed out of doors a fortnight later.

Quite often the cough comes back again and bronchitis may develop.

When nursing a case of measles at home, take the greatest precautions to prevent it spreading through the house. Whoever is acting as nurse should wear an over-all whilst in the sickroom, hang a sheet kept damp with carbolic lotion over the door outside, and should always wash her hands in antiseptic solution before leaving the sick room.

If there are other children about the house they should be immediately isolated if they show any signs of a cold in the head or any fever.



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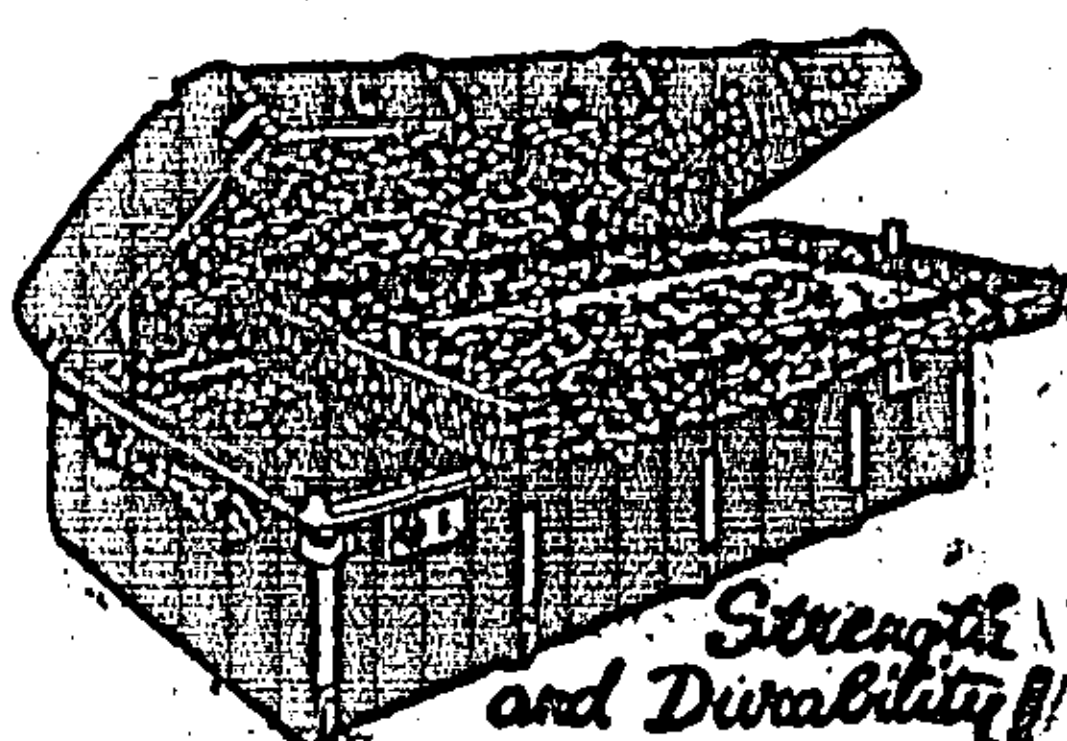
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Cream Cheese And Cucumber Canapes

½ cucumber
2 oz. cream cheese
Chopped parsley
Grated nutmeg
Water biscuits or rounds of toast

Peel the cucumber and slice in rings ¼ in. thick. Sprinkle well with salt and let the moisture drain off. Spread the biscuits with cream cheese, lay a ring of cucumber in the centre and top with more cream cheese. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and grated nutmeg and cover with another biscuit. Pack in greaseproof paper or in a cardboard box, and keep as cool as possible.

Stuffed Tomatoes

4 even-sized tomatoes
Seasoning: Lettuce leaves
Fillings: Maceoine of vegetables and Mayonnaise
Diced vegetables in aspic
Potato salad and chopped spring onions
Chopped hard-boiled egg and mayonnaise

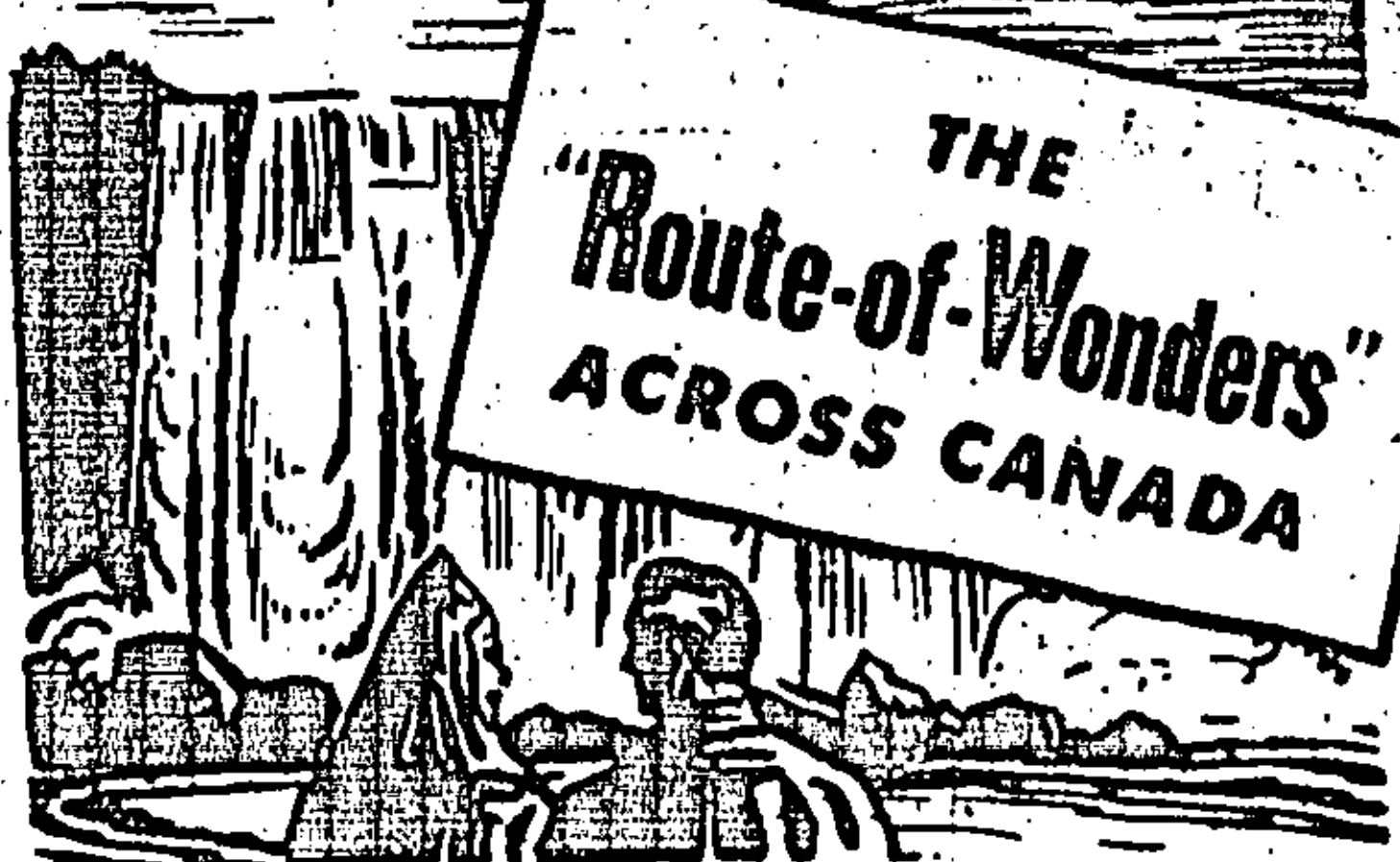
Flaked fish and white sauce
Wipe the tomatoes and cut off a small lid from the top. Using the handle of a teaspoon, scoop out the insides of the tomatoes and turn them upside down to drain well. Prepare the filling and season well. Pack the tomatoes with the mixture and cover with lid. Wrap each tomato in a lettuce leaf, and pack in a box so that the tomatoes are standing upright.

Fruit Or Savoury Turnovers

6 oz. short pastry
Fillings: Stewed apples
Chopped hard-boiled eggs in white sauce
Salmon or smoked haddock
Minced meat

Roll out the pastry thinly and cut into rounds the size of a saucer. Moisten the edge of the pastry and put in one tablespoon of any of these fillings. Sweeten the apples or season well the savoury fillings. The eggs should be sliced and added into white sauce. Fold the pastry over and seal.

Bake for twenty minutes in a hot oven. Cool well before packing.



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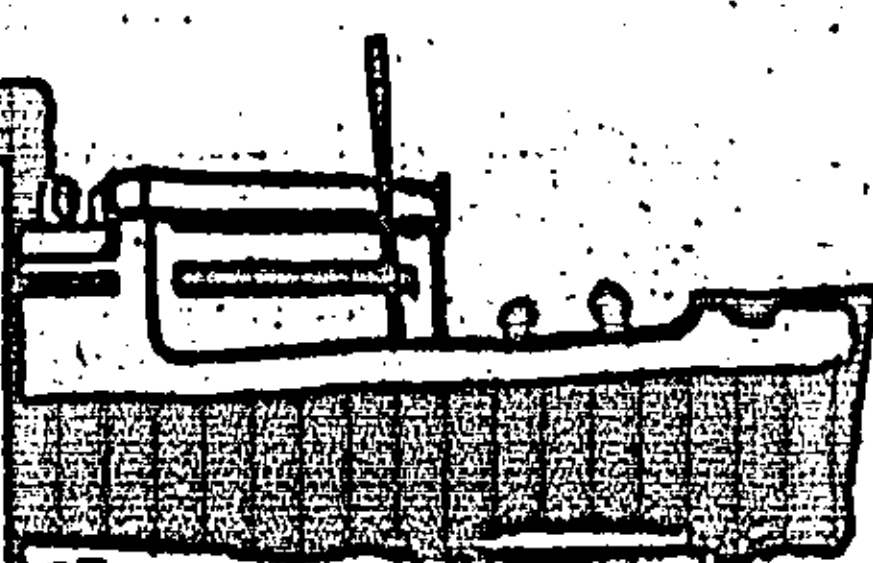
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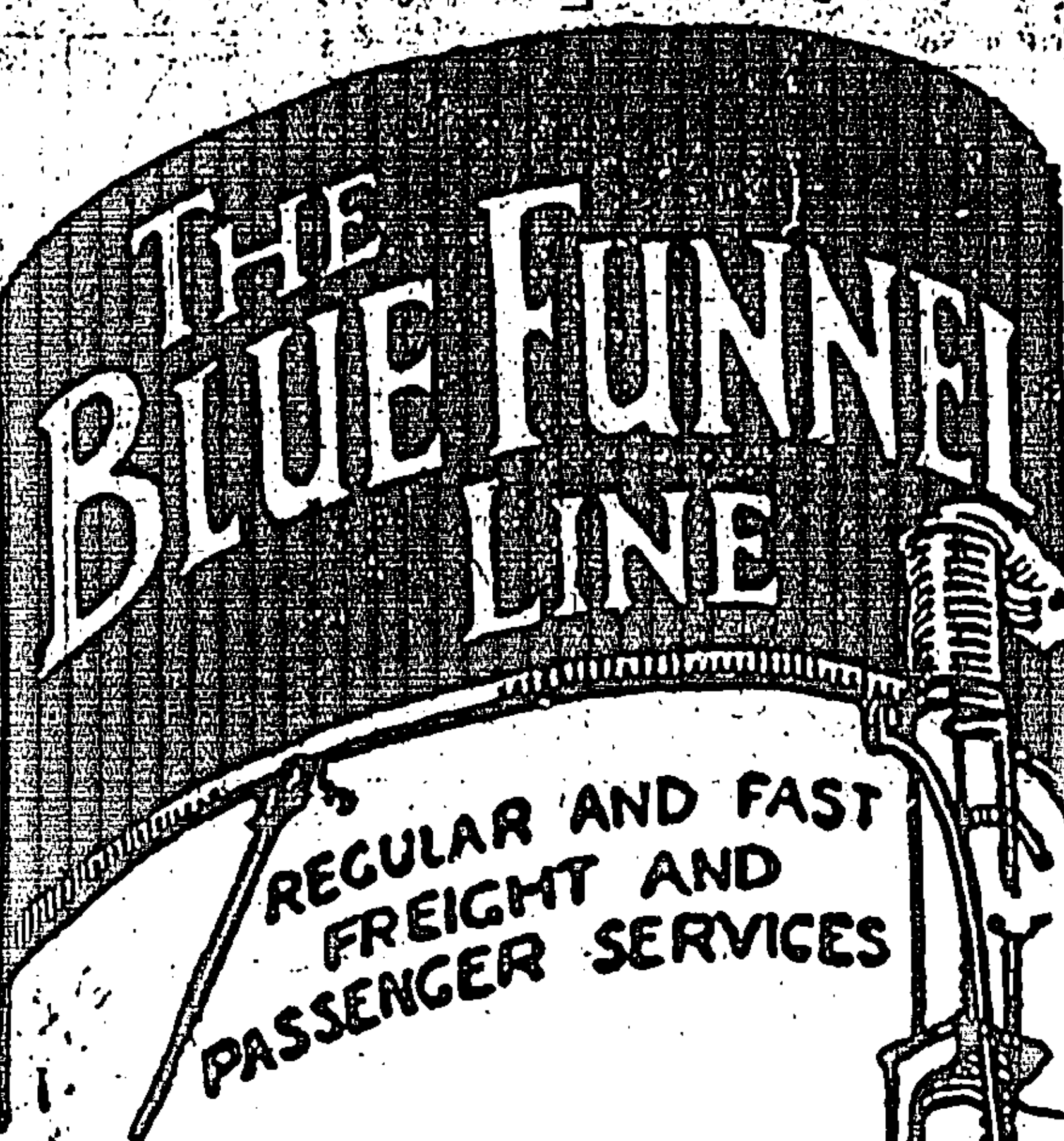
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Light French Programme.
1.03 p.m.—Patricia Roseborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).
1.12 p.m.—Eddie Carroll & His Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Variety Programme.—The Singing Pearly Kings, Maurice Chevallier, Carson Robinson & His Pioneers, Mary Healy, Debroy Somers Band with the Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan, Dave Willis.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance".
8.03 p.m.—Dance Music.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 "Moonlight". Egon Petri (Piano).
9.44 p.m.—Songs of Schubert sung by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).
9.58 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Op. 125 "Choral".
1st Mov: Allegro ma non troppo un poco maestoso.
2nd Mov: Molto vivace—Presto—Molto vivace—Coda Presto.
3rd Mov: Adagio molto e cantabile—Andante moderato—Adagio—Lo stesso tempo.
Finale: Presto—Allegro ma non troppo—Allegro assai—Presto—Allegro assai—Allegro assai vivace (Alla Marcia)—Andante maestoso—Adagio—ma non troppo, ma diviso—Allegro energico, sempre ben marcato—Allegro ma non tanto—Prestissimo.—Felix Weingartner & Vienna Philharmonic Orch.
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WEAKENED 'VARSITY' ARMY SOCCER TRIAL TEAM LOSE BY ONLY GOAL OF GAME SERVES NO PURPOSE Only 9 Of Original 22 On View

AT SOOKUNPOO yesterday University did well to lose by an only goal, scored by Homburg in the second half, to Royal Engineers in a friendly hockey game.

University were without several of their better players, but played well on the whole. Hukam Singh, in the pivotal position, being outstanding, while Leow and Chin were also prominent.

Engineers were faster on the ball and did most of the attacking. Homburg, Denyer, Shaw and Croston performed creditably.

University:—Sen Gupta, Leow and N. A. Lou; T. T. Chin, Hukam Singh and Syd Mahmood; Chelliah, S. Vahar, Linan, S. S. Khor and Hans Raj.

Royal Engineers:—Dobson, Goodwin and Taylor; Bawley, Croston and Hall; Singleton, Denyer, Homburg, Shaw and Twomey.

HOCKEY TOURNEY DETAILS

Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament starts on Sunday next when seven games will be played.

The home team is responsible for getting in touch with Mr. Hussain, Hon. Secretary of the Umpires' Committee, for the appointment of referees, and the first-named team will be responsible for arranging the ground. All games will be played at 10.30 a.m.

Club secretaries must get in touch with Mr. D. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Association, when arrangements have been made.

The A. N. Other team is composed of players from "Y" and Hong Kong Hockey Club.

Following is Sunday's Programme:—

Police "A" v A. N. Other XI
Engineers v 5th A.A., R.A. "A"
Nomads v Khalsa
University v 2nd M.T.B.
5th A.A., R.A. "B" v Police "B"
Signals v Recreation
C.B.A. v Kumaons

POLO RESULTS

Baskets (Bompas, Chattey, Wilson and Atkinson) drew 5-all with Evergreens (Peters, Way, Forrester and Duncan) yesterday in the Navy Cup Polo Tournament. Peters (2), Chattey, Forrester (2) and Wilson (2) scored.

Cissies (Lawder, Penfold, Chattey and Yeatman) beat Dolittles (Smith, Fisher, Fielden and Guest) 10-2. Lawder (4), Penfold (2), Chattey (1), Fielden and Fisher scored.

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CLUB 1ST XV CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Club have made several changes in their team to meet Police at the Valley on Saturday.

D. I. Bosanquet, who is nursing an injured knee, is being given a rest and Carruthers has been brought in on the wing in his place. Day and Aithenhead are switching places and Day will now partner Stewart. With "Jock" Dunnett and R. G. Castleton, who is on the injured list, unavailable McCrae will be hooking, and his place in the front row is being taken by Hackett, whose place in the back row is being filled by Davies, who has deserved this trial with the first fifteen.

The team is as follows: F. M. Thompson; M. G. Carruthers, G. C. Aithenhead, D. G. Day and D. H. Stewart; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; E. W. R. Hackett, I. M. McCrae, R. E. Heasman; R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; G. G. Davies, A. J. G. Taylor and A. M. Kennedy.

Hunters Moon IV (Gordon Richards up), at 100-8, won the Cesarewitch yesterday. Sir Pomm, 33-1, was second and King Legend, 100-3, third. Fourteen ran and the race was won by a neck and 2 lengths.—Reuter.

A Rifle meeting under the auspices of Hong Kong Rifle Association, and arranged by Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will be held on the Kowloon City Ranges on Sunday morning, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

BAHRAM SOLD FOR £40,000

BAHRAM, MOST famous racehorse in the world and the only Triple Crown winner alive, has been sold by the Aga Khan to a well-known American, and will leave Ireland shortly.

The price paid is around £40,000. This figure compares with the £100,000 which the Aga Khan refused for the colt after he had completed his triple crown of Classic triumphs by winning the St. Leger in 1935.

The famous Irish trainer and breeder, Senator J. J. Parkinson, made the purchase on behalf of the American sportsman, who is interested in breeding.

Thus Bahram, who leaves the Sheshoon Stud, Elre, follows another of the Aga Khan's Derby winners, Blenheim, who went to America some years ago for a sum reported to be £50,000.

Sale Confirmed

The news was confirmed by a member of Senator Parkinson's household in the absence of the Senator, who was away from home on business connected with the matter.

Bahram's departure is one more move in what American thoroughbred interests claim will be the capture by them of racehorse breeding pre-eminence held for

ARTILLERY HAVE FINE FIFTEEN

ROYAL ARTILLERY, AS EXPECTED, PROVED TOO GOOD FOR CLUB "A" IN YESTERDAY'S RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY, WINNING BY THREE GOALS AND A TRY (18PTS.) TO NIL AFTER A 5-0 INTERVAL LEAD.

The Gunner backs played well together and tackled with grim determination, while their forwards gave a good display, packing solidly and combining very promisingly in the loose.

Artillery have a very useful team and their fixtures will be watched with interest.

Club backs were not given many opportunities due to the slowness of Clemo getting the ball back or his aptitude to kick to touch. When he changed with Jimmie Thomson and went to fly-half in the second period he was invariably tackled in possession. Morgan took Thomson's place in the pack, but is undoubtedly a better back than forward. Gairdner, and Kennedy were the outstanding forwards.

Gunners opened the scoring through Giblin after a good movement by Richards and Page, and Marsh converted with a good kick. In the second half Evans punted ahead and took the ball out of Needham's hands to go over for the second try, and Marsh again did well to convert. Hook then broke away and sent Richards over between the posts for Kepple to convert. A forward movement resulted in Whitehead completing the scoring, Clague failing with the kick.

R.A.—2/Lt. Clague; L/Bdr. Richards, Gnr. Giblin, Gnr. Keeble and Sgt. Marsh; Capt. Hook and Gnr. Dobbinson; L/Bdr. McDermott; 2/Lt. Deldfield, Gunner Mullen; Gnr. Evans, L/Bdr. Whitehead; 2/Lt. Heath; 2/Lt. Eddison and Sgt. Page.

Club "A"—H. F. Hopkins; H. van Looywen, D. Hynes, M. G. Carruthers and D. G. Day; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo; A. M. Kennedy, W. Stoker, J. Mcodie; R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, A. G. Dalziel and G. B. Godfrey.

Naysmith And Lawton Deserve Second Trial

(By "Referee")

THE ARMY SOCCER TRIAL at Sookunpoo yesterday served no useful purpose as, owing to the late finishing of military exercises, the majority of the players chosen did not turn up, with the result that many players had to be brought in at the last moment from junior teams.

WYRE AND SADLER IN GREAT FORM

Despite a fine bowling performance by Sgt. Wyre (7 for 46), who had 7 for 28 at one period, Royal Army Medical Corps lost by 37 runs to Royal Army Service Corps yesterday at Sookunpoo.

L/Cpl. Logan's 45 for R.A.S.C. were scored out of 97 for 9 and included five boundaries, while Webb had four boundaries in his 27, scored out of 40.

Sadler (5 for 19) had at one time taken 5 for 12, while Dewar took his last three wickets without conceding a run.

R.A.S.C.
L/Sgt. Freeth, l.b.w., b Wyre 15
L/Cpl. Logan, b Wyre 45
Capt. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Wyre 0
S/Sgt. Sadler, b Bright 4
M.S.S. Jones, c Bright, b Wyre 16
Capt. Dewar, c Swyer, b Wyre 7
Sgt. Jones, b Wyre 0
Dvr. Brown, b Bright 0
Cpl. Gunstone, b Bright 0
Cpl. Glen, not out 7
Cpl. Lucas, b Wyre 0
Extras (B3, LB4) 7

Total 103
Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Wyre 10.1 0 46 7
Bright 10 1 50 3

R.A.M.C.
Sgt. Webb, b Dewar 27
Major Swyer, b Sadler 4
Cpl. Mussen, b Sadler 0
Pte. Ross, l.b.w., b Sadler 0
Pte. Bright, run out 2
Sgt. Wyre, c Sadler, b Dewar 8
Pte. Don, b Sadler 0
Pte. Harrison, b Sadler 12
Pte. Entwistle, b Dewar 1
Pte. Workman, b Dewar 0
Pte. Butler, not out 0
Extras (B10, W1) 11

Total 60
Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Sadler 8 2 19 5
Dewar 7.3 2 39 4

WEBB SCORES WINNING GOAL

Royal Army Medical Corps beat Combined Ordnance and Pay Corps by a goal scored by Webb in the second half in the Army Small Units Hockey League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Combined Corps had most of the game, particularly in the second half, but their forwards could not find a scoring chance against the stout tackling of Platt and Muxley. Lawrence played a good game at right-half.

Ryan was a dangerous forward for the losers, while in the defence Jack played well.

Combined Ordnance and Pay Corps:—Oakley, Reid and Luckhurst; Adams, Jack and Saunders; Merrick, Stone, Ryan, Hanning and Smith.
Medicals:—Buchanan; Platt and Muxley; Lawrence, Watt and Shorthouse; Beckley, Falconer, Webb, Newton and Cross.

Birrell, Hossack, Duffield, Martin, Naysmith, Lawson, Falconer, Young and Lee Wai-lum were the only players originally chosen to make an appearance, and these were outstanding in a game that would not have done credit to two Third Division teams.

Lee Wai-lum, on the right-wing for Whites, showed a good turn of speed and centred well but he spoiled many movements by holding on to the ball too long. He did not have a good inside forward, however, with the result that he seldom received good passes and when he did he had no confidence in his support.

Shooting Below Standard

Duffield, on the left-wing for Whites, played a fairly good game. He had the opposing half continually beaten and sent over many good centres. His shooting, however, was not up to standard.

Pelham, playing in an unaccustomed position for Whites at right-half, did not give of his best. He generally plays at full-back for Engineers.

Naysmith and Lawton were safe backs for Whites, and both should merit another trial.

Goals were scored by Hole, Martin and Taylor for Reds and by Hossack for Whites.

A second trial will be held on Wednesday, and Army's eleven for the Poppy Day Charity game will be announced following this game.

Reds:—Cullenby; Marshall and Hanning; Parnaby, Birrell and Falconer; Allen, Morgan, Hole, Clarke and Martin.

Whites:—Mackley; Naysmith and Lawton; Howarth, Taylor, and Palmer; Lee Wai-lum, Young, Hossack, Brown and Duffield.

SIGNALS IN SOCCER DRAW OF 2-2

Fielding a number of Army players, who have joined their team, International were held to a draw by Signals in a friendly football game at Happy Valley yesterday when each side scored twice.

Signals took the lead early in the game, through Spendelcw, the right-winger, and before the interval Shepherd added a second goal with a good shot.

In the second-half International played better and Hughes, in Signals' goal, saved several good shots. Body reduced the lead for International midway through this period and Illey equalised shortly after.

Signals:—Hughes; Topfitt and Allen; Eutler, Johnson and Cartwright; Spendelcw, Sprout, Illey, McCann and Shepherd.

International:—Sammy Tsang; Fernando and Delgado; Tavares, Body and Laing; Heath, Rocha, Illey, Dignan and A. Leonard.

FOOTBALL TEAMS

FIRST DIVISION
Club v Police:—Odell, Strange and Eardley; Skinner, Forrow and Stricko, Fowler, Scott, Hopkinson, Bleckford and Reikstein.
SECOND DIVISION
Club:—Marvin, Coleman and Sloan; Macfarlane, Gratton and Purvis; Dodd or A. Odell, Kennard, Lodge, Morrison and Carr.

FOR SATURDAY

THIRD DIVISION
International:—S. Bux; V. M. Marques and D'Aquino; W. Wilkinson, A. Leonard and J. Tavares; H. Campos, R. Rocha, F. W. Iley, A. A. Rumbahn and W. Sprinkle (Capt.).
Reserves:—A. Rocha, T. Castilho, W. Aycock and A. Elarte.



FIREWORKS FROM HARDSTAFF

Last month the Trent Bridge cricket fans had a day to store in their memories, writes a Home correspondent. They saw 543 runs scored in less than six hours' batting... Joe Hardstaff, playing for an R.A.F. eleven, smash his county colleague's bowling all over the field... a two-run-a-minute, thrill-a-second finish, and discovered a new star who may prove to be another Gunn or Hardstaff of a future Notts team.

R. T. Simpson, a high school boy who joined the police instead of accepting an invitation to join the ground staff, was the new hero. Sent in to open the Notts innings in his first county game with Test star Keeton he defied the Air Force bowling (which included Butler, Harris, and Warburton), carrying his bat for 134. With the county captain, G. F. Heane, he helped to add 213 for the second wicket.

When Heane left after making 108, 84 runs were needed with only an hour left. When the winning hit was made 20 minutes still remained for play so Notts carried on batting.

Hardstaff's Knock

Previously. Acting-Sergeant-Major Hardstaff had played one of his most attractive innings.

I don't suppose the crowd enjoyed themselves more than did Joe in nearly getting a double century against his own club.

He treated all his pals impartially, but singled out Major Gubby Allen, a Notts player for the day, for the indignity of being hit for 6. After getting his 100 he scored the next 50 in 20 minutes.

Incidentally, Keeton, England's No. 1 bat, revealed unexpected qualities as a bowler. He took three wickets, including Tom Barling's.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Weighted Putter

By BEST BALL

They still pay off on the putt in golf. Lawson Little, former Open champion, is now more firmly convinced of this than ever. Prior to the Los Angeles Open, Little reviewed his game and decided that something drastic would have to be done if he was to achieve the same fame in professional ranks that he enjoyed as Amateur Champion. The big trouble lay in putting so Lawson weighted the back of his putter with 2½ ounces of lead.

The change in his putting stroke and accuracy was sensational. Instead of snapping the putter head against the ball, he began to stroke through it straight toward the hole. The balls dropped into the tin with enough regularity to enable him to win the Los Angeles Open. Ditto the National Open, the greatest prize in golfdom. And Little has been scoring well ever since.

CRICKET POSER

(See column three.)

Numbers 1 and 2 opened the innings but 2 was injured and retired hurt. Then Number 3 joined Number 1.

Number 1 was then bowled, 2 resumed his innings, was bowled first ball, and so was 4.

V.C. BOXER WON THE ARMY TITLE IN 1938

AMONG THOSE THRILLED TO READ THE EPIC STORY OF HARRY NICHOLLS, V.C., WERE HIS OLD BOXING OPPONENTS ARTHUR PORTER AND GEORGE PRESTON.

These two heavy-weights both won A.B.A. titles, and it is a tribute to the boxing skill of Nicholls that he was never outclassed in his several battles with either champion.

Nicholls lost to Porter in the Army championships of 1937, but won his colours shortly afterwards at Maidstone, where he outpointed George Scott, of the Nottingham Police.

A month later he boxed for the Army against the Sparta Club of Copenhagen and gave weight, height, and a beating to Fritz Gramstrup, the Danish international.

I. S. Champion

Nicholls upset several fancied candidates to win the Army title

in 1938, and in the same year won the Imperial Services championship by outpointing the holder, Corporal J. S. Westerton, in a memorable final.

Another of his rivals, Metropolitan policeman L. L. Stevenson, recently recalled a hard-hitting tussle he had with Nicholls at Aldershot in 1938.

Stevenson won when the fight was stopped in the fifth round owing to the soldier's eye being cut, and it was a series of similar injuries which kept Nicholls out of the ring during the 1939 season.

"It will be recalled that Cpl. Harry Nicholls of the Guards was previously reported as killed in action. However, it has since been officially announced that he was captured prisoner after being severely wounded in the action which gained him the V.C.

DO YOU KNOW?

Frank Chester, the well-known umpire, sets this cricket problem, which, he says, actually occurred.

A bowler did the hat-trick in one over by clean bowling batsmen 1, 2, and 4 with successive deliveries. How was it that Number 2 was among the victims?

Answer in Column One but think it out before looking.

NEW CLUBS FOR BOLTON PLAYERS

As Bolton Wanderers are not taking part in football this season, some of their players are finding pastures new.

Currier, their centre-forward, has received permission to assist Manchester City, for whom he played in a number of matches

RUGBY PLAYER DECORATED

Private P. K. Mayhew, who has been awarded the Military Medal, will be remembered for two great tries he scored in the Varsity Rugby match of 1937.

L. V. Manning wrote at the time: "Mayhew made two sensational 50-yard scoring dribbles of which Ted Drake would have been proud."

Two members of that side, Obolensky and Paul Cooke, have lost their lives on active service. H. D. Fréckes, who was the big success of the game, is a flying officer, and R. M. Marshall is in the Navy.

Mayhew's brother, J. F. N., a cricket Blue of 1930, is a pilot-officer.

last season.

Goodall (goalkeeper) and Hubbick (full-back) will play for Bury, who will probably not be able to call on Bradshaw and Gemmell.

Bradshaw is serving with the Forces in the South and Gemmell is working in the Midlands.



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GREECE READY FOR ANY ORDEAL

Greece will bear the ordeals that lie before it with patience and dignity, and with God's help they would add a new page to their history, declared the Greek Minister, M. Simopoulos, speaking at a luncheon in London yesterday.

M. Simopoulos said: "The time has come when we must fight for our independence and our life."

"We know what these ideals are because they are the ideals for which Greece has fought throughout the centuries and we will be proud in fighting side by side with the British Empire for the ultimate victory."

M. Simopoulos added that Greece has been a victim of a dastardly attack and premeditated aggression without any provocation whatsoever, and the attempt to find an excuse rendered the aggression the more disgraceful. —Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange was generally quiet yesterday and business was limited. Gilt-edged securities was fractionally higher and certain Industrials

Heavy Guns In Action Near Lake Prespa

BUSES LOADED TO CAPACITY WITH SOLDIERS ON THEIR WAY TO THE FRONT, CROWDS WAITING ALL DAY OUTSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER THE KING OR GENERAL METAXAS — THESE ARE TYPICAL SCENES IN THE GREEK CAPITAL TODAY, ACCORDING TO A REUTER'S MESSAGE FROM ATHENS YESTERDAY.

The population has accepted the strict black-out regulations cheerfully in spite of the fact that on Tuesday night the authorities took a drastic step by cutting off all electric current except that required by essential services.

The complete mobilisation of Greece is rendered difficult for geographic reasons, but the staff work done under General Metaxas's guidance before the hostilities began is bearing fruit, and the plans are being carried out smoothly.

It is recalled that General Metaxas was one of the most brilliant cadets passed out by a German military school where he distinguished himself in strategy.

Military development on the Albanian-Greek frontier are progressing very slowly, writes Reuter.

were supported while sinking fund purchases sided Brazilian Bonds. Trinidad oils hardened. Wall Street was quietly steady. —Reuter.

ter's Diplomatic correspondent, who adds that there was no evidence yet of blitzkrieg tactics. Greek resistance is being well maintained.

It may be that Italy is hoping that Greece will give way to moral pressure backed by a military threat.

The fact that the German Minister has remained in Athens would seem to confirm that the partners are still hoping to win a cheap victory.

But the Greek reaction has hitherto been exceptionally strong and wholesome and backed by the might of Britain, Greece will give the Italians plenty of trouble.

Railways Suspended

Observers on the Yugoslav-Greek frontier state that the fields on the Greek side are deserted as a result of the departure of all able-bodied men to join their units, all of whom, it is added, depart with a song on their lips.

All railway traffic across the frontier has been suspended, pending the mobilisation.

In the meantime, the large Greek colony in Yugoslavia is anxiously awaiting the re-opening of the frontier in order that they may join the colours.

Cannonading Audible

Reuter's Belgrade correspondent says that cannonading was heard plainly yesterday near Lake Prespa, at the junction of the Greek, Albanian and Yugoslav frontiers.

Heavy Italian troop concentrations are reported at Vorca.

The attack is believed to be directed towards Florina, but the mountains and the bad weather are unfavourable for military operations. — Reuter.

VICEROY'S FUND

THE VICEROY OF INDIA'S WAR PURPOSES FUND—WHICH IS RAISED ENTIRELY FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NOW TOTALS OVER £1,500,000.

This includes £400,000 earmarked to buy aeroplanes for Britain and £105,000 to purchase motor ambulances for Britain.

The latest contributions include £1,500 from the State of Sikkim, while the total of monetary gifts from Madras is now around £375,000. — Reuter.

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Von Papen, the German Ambassador, has left Ankara for Istanbul, from where, it is stated, he will be proceeding immediately to Berlin. — Reuter.

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HITLER'S RUSH VISIT TO FLORENCE EXPLAINED

FRANCO WILL KEEP SPAIN OUT OF WAR

That General Franco will not be disappointed in his known desire to keep Spain out of war, remains the prevailing sentiment in well-informed quarters in Madrid.—Reuter.

ENEMY RAIDERS SCATTERED

Enemy raider formations which attempted a surprise daylight attack under cover of banks of dense clouds over the south-east coast area yesterday, were again foiled by British fighters.

As they flew in from the sea, R.A.F. machines closed with them and scattered them into disorder and retreat.

Reports received up to 4 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday show that five enemy aircraft had been destroyed and that four British fighters were missing.

It was also officially announced that two more enemy aircraft were shot down on Tuesday, making a total of thirty for the day.

Final figures are not completed, but seven enemy aircraft had been destroyed over Britain up to last evening according to the latest official statement. Four British planes are missing.—Reuter.

ITALIAN OUTRAGE REVEALED

THAT AN ITALIAN SUBMARINE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNPROVOKED PEACE-TIME SINKING OF THE GREEK CRUISER "HELLE" OFF THE ISLAND OF TINGOS LAST AUGUST, WAS REVEALED BY THE GREEK NAVY HIGH COMMAND YESTERDAY.

Fragments of two torpedoes picked up after the attack were found by experts to be of Italian manufacture.

The announcement was not made earlier "for reasons of policy which no longer exist," adds the communiqué.—Reuter.

Mussolini Wary Of Double-Cross

IT IS NOW REVEALED THAT HITLER'S RUSH VISIT TO FLORENCE WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEALING A RIFT IN THE AXIS LUTE THREATENING AS A RESULT OF HITLER'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH M. LAVAL.

Reuter's Zurich correspondent says that the one inescapable fact emerging from the news, both from Berlin and Rome, is that recent events have compelled Hitler to adopt the unaccustomed role of "appeaser," but whether with better effect than the appeasers of yester-eve is still conjectural.

Having in the first place failed in his attempt to persuade Italy to sacrifice her territorial claims against France, Hitler has been faced with further Italian recalcitrance in opposing any active or passive assistance of France in the war, which Mussolini feared might entitle Petain to equal partnership with Italy in Germany's "New Order."

MYSTERY TRIP OF U.S. WARSHIPS

The mysterious departure, under sealed order, of five United States destroyers, seventeen bombers and one seaplane tender, from Key West, has led to much speculation in Washington.

The mystery was heightened when Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, smilingly refused to state the destination of the flotilla.

Rumour is busy suggesting that the ships are bound for the French island of Martinique, where the difference of opinion between the pro-Vichy and the anti-Vichy partisans is reported to be nearing a climax.

While the five destroyers would be inadequate to seize the island if the French Navy offered resistance, it is known that other American units including new cruisers are in the Porto Rico region.—Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS SUNK BY MINES

The Admiralty has announced that two trawlers, the "Wave Flower" and the "Joseph Buxton" have been sunk by enemy mines.—Reuter.

Then came Hitler's hasty visit to Florence which was followed by significantly soothing German newspaper paragraphs, like that in the "Zeitung" which asserted that while France has been offered participation in the Axis system if she broke with Britain, Germany had promised her nothing regarding the later peace.

From that change of tone, the Italian Press became noticeably calmer.

The Double-Cross?

Political observers deduce therefore that though Italian claims may be put in the background while "appeasement" is directed to France, Germany has assured Italy that her claims will have due consideration later.

The conclusions drawn are that, firstly, Germany's new offer to France is more generous than the original offer; secondly, that France is left uncertain whether a temporary peace will be modified later to satisfy Italy; thirdly, that France's bargaining position depends upon Britain's resistance.

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FIRE ON THE PEAK

FIRE BROKE OUT AT MOUNT AUSTIN BARRACKS, SHORTLY AFTER 3 A.M. TO-DAY, AND SEVERE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO THE STOREROOM IN WHICH THE OUTBREAK ORIGINATED.

Two fire appliances from the Central Fire Station and one from the Peak Fire Station were sent out.

The fire was extinguished within three-quarters of an hour of the arrival of fire appliances. No-one was injured.

MINING OF GREEK WATERS

The mining of strategic Greek waters was announced by the British Admiralty in London yesterday.

On the west, all waters have been rendered dangerous east of a line drawn roughly round the west coasts of the Islands of Levkas, Cephalonia and Zante (in the Ionian Sea) and thence to Cape Katakolo on the Greek mainland.

This means that the gulfs of Patras and Corinth, and the approaches to them have been mined. On the east of Greece, the Gulf of Aegina has been mined north and west of the line between Cape Spadi and Cape Collona.

The Gulf of Corinth bites deeply into the Greek mainland, and the isthmus only a few miles wide separates its head from the head of the Gulf of Aegina. The principal port on the Gulf of Aegina is Piraeus which serves Athens.—Reuter.

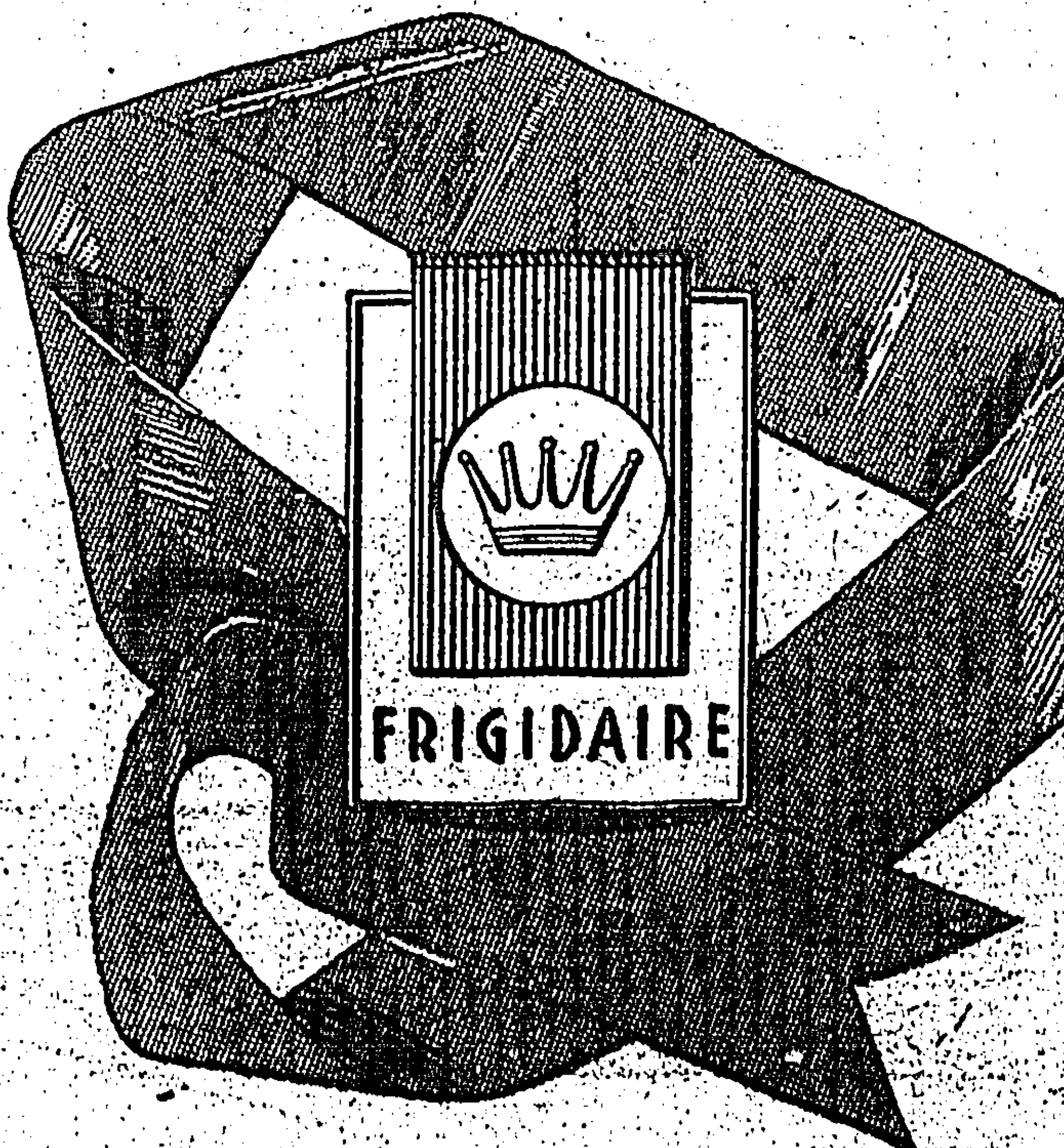
'PLANE FIRED ON NEAR HONG KONG

On her flight to Hong Kong, an air liner, the identity of which cannot be confirmed, was fired at by Japanese A.A. batteries at Namtau last evening.

TURKISH POLICY

Ministers representing the Balkan States met at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo on Tuesday in order to discuss the situation arising from the Italian invasion of Greece.

The Turkish Minister, Sevk Alhan, is understood to have declared that Turkey was in complete agreement with Britain regarding present and future action. He added that Turkey's non-participation in the hostilities for the present might well be favourable to the general situation, rather than her participation.—Reuter.



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Marshal Petain's Account Of Meeting With Hitler

Denies Diktat By Fuehrer: "I Am Leader"

MARSHAL PETAIN LAST NIGHT, OVER THE LYONS RADIO, GAVE A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF HIS RECENT MEETING WITH HITLER.

The aged Marshal emphasised that he went to the meeting of his own free will and had entered "the road of collaboration" without pressure.

BEST WEAPONS ARE THOUGHT

That modern civilisation can be preserved only by a recognition of the "supreme worth and moral responsibility of the individual human person," was declared to be one of the great convictions arrived at by the 500 thinkers who assembled in New York as a Conference of Science, Philosophy and Religion in a first attempt to unify and clarify democratic thought.

Enlarging upon this conclusion, a group of five professors, theologians and physicists who assessed the conference results for the press declared that the individual's "supreme worth" meant that he had rights which no state had given him and which no state could take away; and that his "moral responsibility" meant that he had duties and responsibilities as well as rights and privileges.

The 500 leaders in the fields of natural science, philosophy and religion who met at their own expense and contributed their best thought in the effort to strengthen democratic thinking were in general agreement that any process of unifying their divergent opinions would take at least two years.

Ideas, Not Tanks

The task, however, was viewed as eminently worthwhile, for it was declared that ideas to-day are weapons, that for instance the French and Belgians were routed as much by thoughts as they were by tanks, and that whereas nefarious ideas are being broadcast from Russia, Germany and Italy to a great extent, democracy can equally be defended by right ideas.

Summing the conference results for the press were the Rev. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary and originator of the conference; the Rev. Gerard C. Walsh, professor of history at Fordham University; Lawrence K. Frank, Vice-President of the Josiah Macy Foundation; Gerald B. Pelham, President of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto; and C. P. Haskins, research physicist of Union College.

To Meet Again

A greater toleration for the ideas of others was seen as already a product of the parley, to which Dr. Albert Einstein contributed a paper. Theologians, it was said, recognised the right of natural science to regard as truth in its own field only that which could be verified experimentally, while the natural scientists in turn were willing to recognise the right of the theologians to seek conclusions in a field transcending experimentation.

The conference, it was said, would meet again as a whole in 1941 and in 1942, while intermediate assemblies would be held from time to time at convenient localities. What the final unity of

The interview, he said, was only possible through the French people's dignity in the face of their ordeal and their enormous efforts towards regeneration.

"France has rallied. This meeting between victor and vanquished signifies the first vindication of our country. I have been under no dictate by Hitler.

"The collaboration of our two countries was considered. I accepted the principles of it. The application will be discussed later."

To Trust

As an admonition to "all who are inclined to deviate from our opinions," and those who doubt and harden their hearts, the Marshal said that the first duty of Frenchmen was to trust.

He proceeded: In the near future our country's suffering may thus be lightened, our prisoners' lot may be improved, the burden of occupation expenses lessened, the demarcation line may be rendered more flexible and the administering and provisioning of the territory facilitated.

"This collaboration must be sincere and without thought of aggression.

Obligations

"France has numerous obligations to the victor, but she remains sovereign. Ministers are responsible to me alone.

"Previously I have spoken to you as a father. To-day I speak to you as a leader. Follow me!" —Reuter.

democratic thinking would consist of was not foreshadowed, but it was suggested that it might consist of a "consensus" or formulation of conclusions on which all might agree. Other members of the conference said that the final unity might rather be one of attitude, a recognition of common "loyalty to democracy" obtained by bringing not thought but thinkers together.

Committee Named

"The extent to which the conference succeeded in meeting its aims," the final joint statement said, "must be judged in relation to the magnitude of the problems confronting it. The departmentalisation of human knowledge has been proceeding for more than a century. Its integration, with the most valiant efforts, will take more than a meeting of three days. The value of the conference will become clearer when the proceedings are published in full.

An Executive Committee was appointed to steer deliberations until the next session. Its membership includes:

Lyman Bryson, professor of education, Teachers College, Columbia University; Robert J. Havighurst, the General Education Board; Harold D. Lasswell, professor of political science, Washington School of Psychiatry; Robert M. Maciver, professor of philosophy, Columbia University; Filmer S. C. Northrup, professor of philosophy, Yale University; Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory; and Luther A. Weigle, dean of the Yale Divinity School.



General de Gaulle recently paid a visit to a camp in Wales at which are a number of French boys, whose ages range from 15—19. General de Gaulle is shown talking to some of the boys during his inspection. (Copyright, Fox).

French Suffering Under German Occupation

HOW FRANCE has suffered under the German occupation is revealed in a statement issued by the Ministry of Economic Warfare, which says that at least 800,000 tons of wheat have been removed to Germany from occupied France.

Bread is now rationed in France at 87 ounces per week. A large number of fields of wheat were reserved before the harvest for the Germans, swastika signs having been erected around them.

Meat is rationed at 12½ ounces per week in France, but in Germany it is 17 to 20 ounces.

More than 1,000,000 pigs are believed to have been removed from France to Germany during one fortnight in September alone. A thousand cattle were also removed.

The average consumption of butter and oil per head in France before the occupation, was 17 kilos but now it has been reduced to six kilos.

About 80 per cent. of the French sugar-beet crop has been lost owing to the fighting in northern France.

French wines have been requisitioned by the Germans and one French firm alone has delivered 12,000,000 bottles of champagne to Germany.

Transport has largely broken down in France because trucks and locomotives have been taken to Germany and lorry transport is at a standstill owing to shortage of petrol.—Reuter.

LAVAL IN TOUCH WITH THE NAZIS

M. Laval is back in Paris from Vichy and will remain there until the end of the week, the Paris Radio announced yesterday.

Presumably he has returned to Paris to continue the negotiations with the Nazis.

Reports from Berlin state that Nazi officials there say that Hitler's talks with M. Laval and Marshal Petain have not resulted in any formal agreement or adjustment, but were concerned with the "fundamental questions of France's future."

The talks, according to these Berlin official circles merely recognised that "France declared war, France lost the war and France must share the cost of the war." — Reuter.

Reuter's Vichy correspondent states that M. Laval is still in Paris and is likely to remain there until the week end, according to the "Petit Parisien." — Reuter.

AIR RAID WARDENS INJURED

Two Air Raid Wardens were injured last night during the black-out exercise when they were struck by the rear of a car which was flying an A.R.P. flag.

The driver, apparently unaware of the accident, drove on.

The wardens were Mr. H. A. Bux and Mr. Ng Ching-chi, who were patrolling in Leighton Hill Road.

At about 9.30 p.m. they were struck by the rear of the car, near No. 35, Leighton Hill Road. Mr. Bux received injuries to the mouth and Mr. Ng had slight cuts on the hand. They were treated by a doctor residing at No. 35 and afterwards resumed duty.

Mr. G. R. Razavet, of the C.P.R., sustained a cut lip and other face injuries at 1.20 a.m. yesterday when, during the black-out exercise, the car in which he was travelling collided with a tram standard near the General Post Office.

C.N.A.C. TRAGEDY

Mr. T. B. "Buster" Brown, prominent Manila business man, formerly of Shanghai, is leaving Manila this morning for Hong Kong, where he is to join his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Kent, wife of the C.N.A.C. pilot who was killed when Japanese aircraft shot down his plane near the Yunnan-Kweichow border on Tuesday.

It is learned from the Chungking C.N.A.C. office that the planes shot down was the same Douglas which was shot down by Japanese aircraft at Chungking in the Chungshan District on August 24, 1939, and was then called "Kwelin." The machine was repaired and rechristened "Chungking."

33 ARRESTS IN KOWLOON

THIRTY-THREE PEDESTRIANS WERE ARRESTED BY THE KOWLOON POLICE LAST NIGHT FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE "BLACK-OUT" REGULATIONS BY STRIKING MATCHES, FLASHING TORCHES AND LIGHTING JOSS-STICKS IN THE OPEN.

Fifteen were arrested in the Yaumatei district, seven in Shamshuipo, six in Mong Kok, three in Kowloon City and two in Hung Hom.

Pedestrians in the Tsimshatsui District were apparently more black-out-minded, not a single arrest being made in that area.

ARMY CAPTAIN CASHIERED

Sentence that he be cashiered from the Army was promulgated on Capt. Alfred Lionel Haughton (40) of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, found guilty at a Chelsea court-martial on July 25 of 16 charges relating to cheques. At the court-martial he pleaded he had been more of a fool than a knave.

"THE FLYING SNOWMAN"

British Pilots Have Hectic Time In Air Raids But Heavy Bombers Get Through To Berlin

"THE FLYING SNOWMAN" was the description one British pilot applied to himself after participating in a raid of British heavy bombers over Berlin on Tuesday.

For over 100 miles before reaching Germany, the British airmen had to fly blind through a raging snowstorm as well as intense anti-aircraft fire, says the Air Ministry News Service in London.

MAJOR STEP IN AID TO BRITAIN

President Roosevelt will probably announce a major step forward in the policy of increasing aid for Britain when he speaks at Boston, according to a White House official accompanying the President on his election campaign tour.

The speech is due to be made at about noon (H.K. time) today.—Reuter.

BOMBER CREW'S MIRACLE ESCAPE

An exciting adventure befell one British aircraft during Tuesday night's attack on Berlin, when it became "iced up" as it approached the German capital.

Flying at a great height, the aircraft developed a flat spin and in order to lighten the aircraft the pilot let go his bombs. The spin, however, persisted and the crew were warned to get ready to abandon the aircraft.

It was not until the bomber's falling aerial had been wrenched off by contact with the ground that the pilot finally succeeded in getting the machine under control.

Describing his experience on his return to England, the bomber pilot said that his crew was not at all keen on the idea of descending over Germany.

"My navigator," he said, "who is a young Australian from New South Wales told me he didn't want to have to eat ersatz sausage for breakfast for the rest of the war."

"He seemed quite confident we would pull out before we hit and pointed out afterwards how sick we should have been if we had jumped and then seen the aircraft recover from the spin and fly off without us!"—British Wireless.

NOTHING DOING

An official Cairo communiqué states that there is nothing to report.—British Wireless.

Nevertheless, using numerous parachute flares, the airmen found their targets in the city's centre, including large electrical works and bombed them despite thick snow.

One pilot said that a great quantity of snow penetrated the cockpit and covered his instruments as well as himself till he looked like a flying snowman.

Atrocious Weather

The atrocious weather over Germany, however, had the paradoxical effect of increased diversity of the R.A.F. attacks as a whole.

Oil supply centres were the chief objectives, but planes which encountered excessively bad weather were deflected elsewhere.

Thus, in addition to the objectives mentioned in the brief official communiqué, oil centres and shipyards at Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven, Denhelder, Magdeburg and Flushing, the oil refineries at Leuna and Gelsenkirchen were bombed, together with industrial plants at Leipzig, Krupps Works at Essen and railway junctions. Krupps had a heavy visitation, while a direct hit was scored on a river bridge at Stralsund.

Railways Attacked

Other aircraft, unable to locate their primary targets, dropped heavy bombs on the Ruhr railway junctions and others farther north and east, thus complicating communications between the highly industrialised western regions of the Reich and the remainder of Germany.

Within ten minutes of the attack on the canal goodsyard at Munster, a great blaze flared up.

Fourteen other fires broke out in aerodromes, of which 29 were bombed.—Reuter.

Severe Conditions

The severe conditions in which the raid on Berlin was carried out were graphically described by the pilots engaged. The raid was earliest Berlin has yet experienced, the first of the small striking force of heavy bombers reaching the capital at 9 p.m. bst. A snowstorm was raging over Berlin and made the task of target location extremely difficult but after dropping flares, the raiders succeeded in finding their targets. Driving snow, however, obscured observation of the results.

The early part of the journey to Berlin was grand, said the pilot of the first aircraft to reach Berlin.

"Visibility was excellent and we could see the stars in an almost cloudless sky. Then, quite suddenly, we ran into a snowstorm which kept us company all the way to Berlin and most of the way back.

"Some of the fine, powdery snow blew into my cockpit and lay two inches thick on the dashboard recess. To make matters worse, the windcreeds of the two front cockpits were completely covered so that we flew many miles almost blind, depending entirely upon our instruments. We had hoped to get clear of the snow before reaching Berlin but if anything it was worse when we arrived.

Found Target

"Still we managed to find the target—a large electrical works—and bombed it through the snow."

Another pilot who visited the

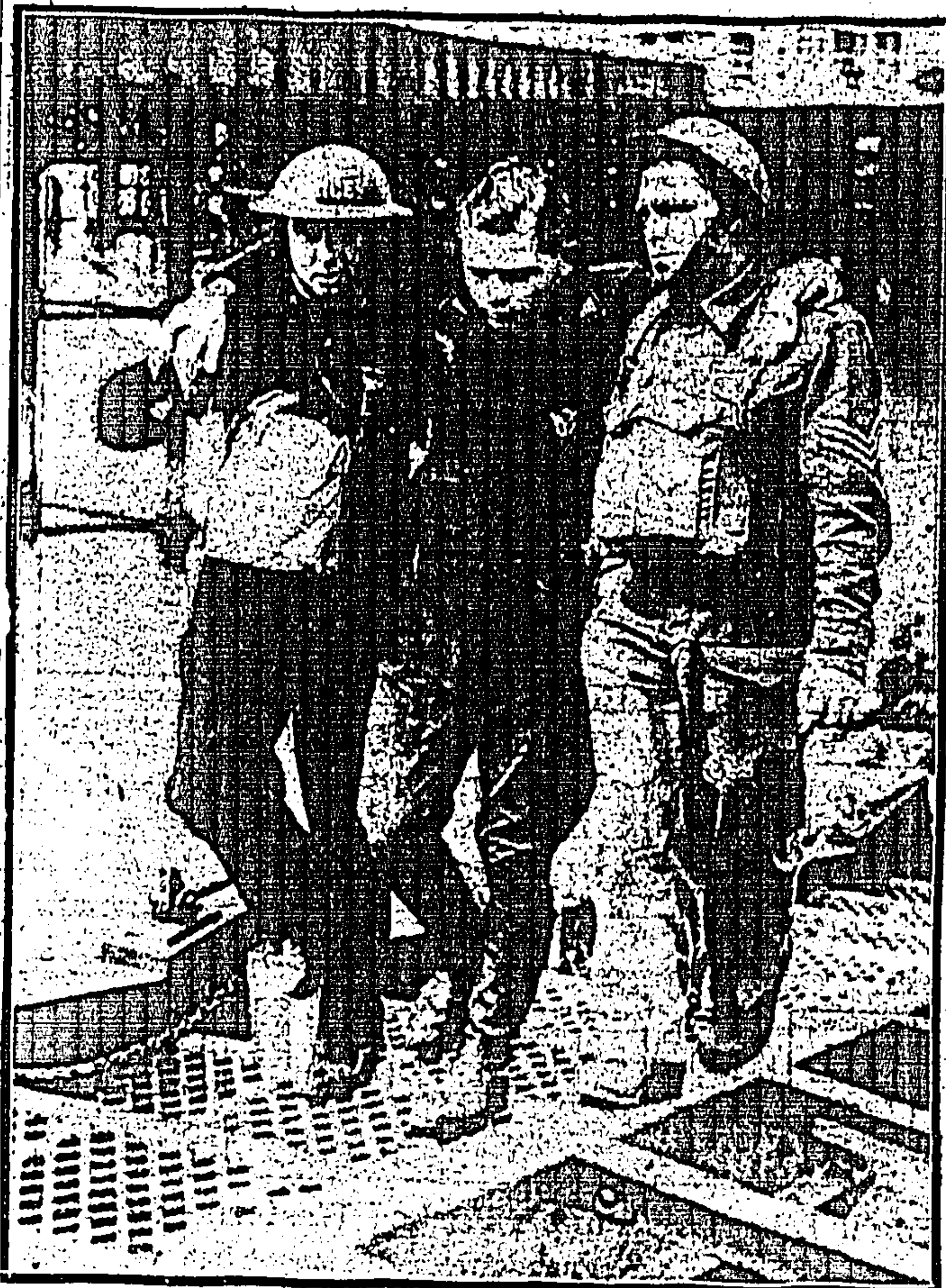
EVACUEES NOT WANTED, FINED

For failing to comply with the requirements of a billeting notice Mrs. Lily Brown, of Woodlands, Scotby, near Carlisle, was fined £1 under the Defence Regulations at Carlisle.

Police-Superintendent Stewart said Mrs. Brown was asked to take two girl evacuees into her home. But she refused to accept the billeting notice either from the billeting officer or a police officer.

Mrs. Brown said that as a poultry farmer she was producing food for the national larder and she also had the care of an invalid husband.

"In 1920 I was presented with a medal for war work," she added, "but at the present time it is physically impossible for me to do any more."



RESCUING GERMAN AIRMEN SHOT DOWN ON SOUTH EAST COAST—While the battles are fought in the air over the South-East Coast of England the lifeboats go out and rescue the airmen, friend or foe. Photo shows a soldier and policeman helping a German airman ashore. (Copyright, Fox).

THE EMPIRE'S AIR SCHEME FAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

THE EMPIRE AIR training scheme, designed to produce 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews annually when in full operation, is already months ahead of schedule, declared Lord Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, speaking in London yesterday.

Canada and Australia, he said, each had 300,000 men trained or training, while Canadian destroyers, cooperating with the British Navy and Australian Navy in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, were doing magnificent work.

He added: "In the Middle East, forces from South Africa as well as from Southern Rhodesia and other parts of Africa stand alongside our own troops to defeat the Italian foe."

Elsewhere in the same area, Australians and New Zealanders are massing, while thousands of Canadians here in Britain are eager to deal faithfully with Hitler's invasion."

"Never has the British Commonwealth been more important than to-day," declared Lord Cranborne.

"In the storm new shaking the foundations of the world, the British Empire stands like a rock against which the winds and waves break without weakening its essential strength."—Reuter.

outskirts of Berlin was less fortunate. "We ran into the same fine, powdery snow. When we first ran into it I climbed, hoping to find things better higher up, but almost at once the controls began to show signs of freezing up."

At 3,000 feet, the temperature was still 2 degrees below zero, so we came down lower still and for 35 minutes flew at a couple of thousand feet.

"Once we ran into a terrific A.A. barrage though even that didn't warm us up much and for a great deal of the time, ice cracking on the machine made a noise like hundreds of machine-gun bullets."—British Wireless.

'G.O.M.' GIVES HIS HOME

Colonel and Alderman Sir William F. Wyley, Coventry's "grand old man," has left his thirteenth-century home, the Charterhouse, to the Coventry Corporation.

He has also given £7,200 to Coventry Cathedral for endowing a cannery, £2,800 to the Cathedral Council to use at their discretion, £1,000 each to Rugby School and King Henry VIII. School, Coventry, £100 to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment Old Comrades' Association, £100 to the Midland Bank Benevolent Fund, and £500 to Ford's Hospital, Coventry.

He has left his silver ware and prints to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

THIS IS THE NAZI STORY

A GERMAN HIGH Command communiqué issued in Berlin yesterday claimed that a warship operating in overseas waters has announced the sinking of three armed merchant ships with a total of 18,400 gross tons, and that a U-boat sunk a large armed merchant ships of 10,500 tons.

Bomber units again dropped numerous bombs on London and other military objectives in South England such as the naval harbour at Portsmouth and the munition dump in Great Yarmouth was also bombed with success.

Two ships were hit off Ramsgate. Italian planes participated in these operations.

As a reprisal for British attacks on German residential quarters, several hundred thousand kilos of bombs were again dropped on London during the night.

British planes flew under protection of darkness into Belgium, Holland and the German Reich,

but their bombs did not, as usual, cause any damage worth mentioning to military objectives. The enemy on Tuesday lost 47 planes. Seventeen German planes are missing.—Reuter.

THIRTY PLANES SHOT DOWN

Thirty German raiding aircraft were destroyed during Tuesday and two additional German bombers were destroyed during Tuesday night, the Air Ministry announced in London yesterday.—Reuter.

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TO-MORROW: "LONE WOLF RETURNS"

ITALIANS USING TACTICS OF HITLER IN POLAND

UP TO YESTERDAY evening, there was little accurate news in London of the actual fighting in Greece, although the latest reports indicated that the Italians have advanced slightly along the coast from Albania, where two Italian Divisions have advanced some five miles into Greek territory.

They have yet to contact the main Greek defences.

Fighting at other points has deteriorated into local skirmishes in which the Greeks seem to be holding their own.

It appears that the Italians are using the same tactics the Nazis used in Poland — they are testing the defences to find their weak points.

The Greek High Command is aware that the main attack may not yet have been launched and has made the necessary preparations.

Heavy artillery was in action in the offensive along the coast, but at other points the fighting has been confined to infantry duels.

There is no official confirmation in London of reports that the Italians have landed on the island of Corfu, and it is still denied that British troops are there.

The mining of the waters leading to Athens is only part of the immediate aid Britain is giving to Greece.

British Aid

Britain is giving the utmost aid in her power, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that the withdrawal of the French troops has made it considerably more difficult for us to send the immediate aid we could have sent six months ago. Then, there was a large French Army in Syria and North Africa on our side, as well as the French Mediterranean Fleet.

At the same time, the Italians do not appear to be having things all their own way, and indication of this may be provided by a report that seven Italian troop-ships have crossed the Adriatic to Albania, presumably with reinforcements.

A Rome reports says that Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and Italy's Foreign Minister, has left for Tirana, the Albanian capital. — Reuter.

CHINESE ADVANCE IN KWANGSI

Continuing their triumphant march, Chinese troops have reached the outskirts of Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi Province, according to despatches reaching Chinese quarters in London.

An assault on the city itself is proceeding.

Chinese troops operating along the Nanning-Lungchow Highway have scored successes. Lungchow, Mingkiang and Suilo have been recaptured.

On the east China front, heavy fighting continues in the famous Shaoshing wine producing centre in Chekiang Province where the Japanese were crushed and suffered heavy casualties. — Reuter.

PENSIONED OFF AT 94

For 84 years Mr. Charles Green, of Steyning Sussex, has been splitting skins to make leather for Germany, and is believed to be the oldest tanner in the country.

Next month he will be "pensioned off" at the age of 94—not because he wishes to retire, but because the war has closed the chief market for his work, and there is no more for him to do.

Mr. Green, who started work when he was 10, has been employed by the same firm for nearly 70 years.

C.N.A.C. AIR-LINER OUTRAGE

It is confirmed in Chungking that Mr. W. C. Kent, well-known American pilot of the China National Aviation Corporation, was among the nine killed and four injured when the C.N.A.C. air liner was shot down by Japanese aircraft on Tuesday.

Miss Lu Mei-ying, air-liner hostess, was among the dead. She was making her last trip having resigned to marry in Hong Kong. She was due to have finished work yesterday. — Reuter.

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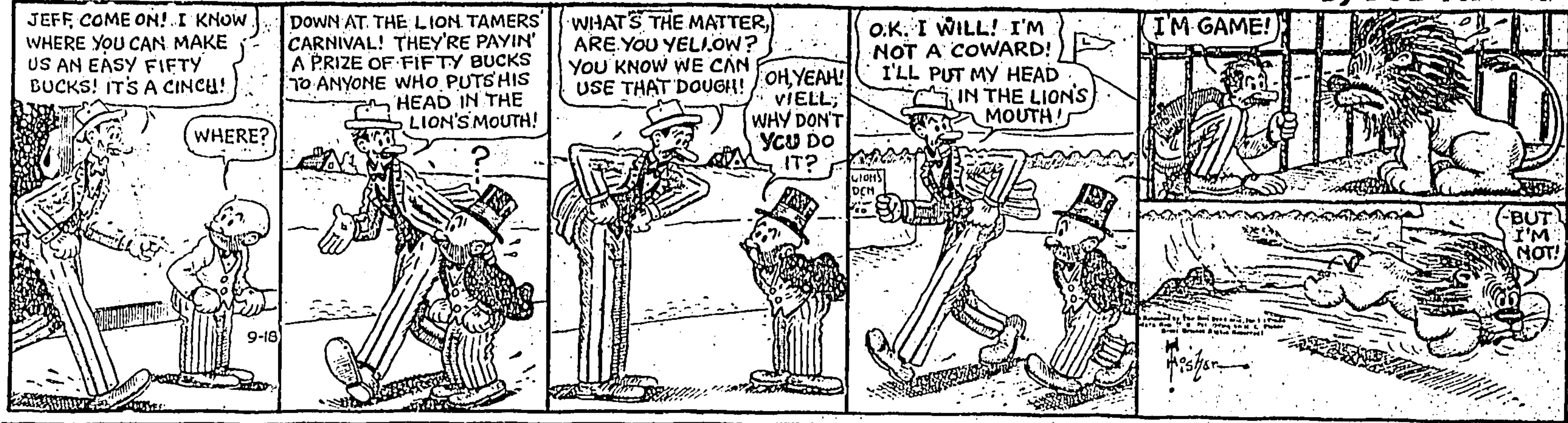
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NAZIS MAY ABOLISH THE CZECH STATE

OBSTINATE RESISTANCE BY THE POPULATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO NAZI RULE MAY LEAD TO THE ABOLITION OF THE PROTECTORATE AND ITS COMPLETE ABSORPTION INTO THE GERMAN REICH, DECLARED DR. HUBERT RITKA, THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN SECRETARY, IN LONDON.

"Hitler would have to exterminate the last Czechoslovak in order to be sure of his domination in our land," he said.

Recent reports indicated that civilian resistance necessitating the employment of hundreds of thousands of Germans to maintain order and Germany's own economic difficulties were leading to the end of the Protectorate.

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SIREN BLEW: SHE 'HOPPED' FASTER!

We were sitting round the hopping-bin "somewhere in Kent" when the wail of the sirens cut through the singing of birds, the plash of running water, and all the other pleasant, leisurely country sounds, writes a correspondent.

Granny Smith, of Limehouse, 20-year habituee of the hope gardens, merely pulled a little faster at the soft green hops.

"Hopping can't wait for Hitler; we're short-handed already," she said.

The siren ceased, and the distant sound of a plane high overhead could be heard.

"Jerry," said another hopper, with a minimum of interest, as she, too, pulled faster than ever.

I have been in shelters, public and private, in train, bus and theatre when the siren has sounded, but for the best spot of the lot give me the hop gardens.

Shelter is near enough at hand to reassure the most timid—trenches and shelters—efficient A.R.P. organisation. Meanwhile, the matey, busy atmosphere of the hop gardens goes on, and this, together with the sane, detached way in which the country goes about its business, makes the hum of the planes no more important than the buzz of a mosquito.

Manager's Praise

Unfortunately, rumour has been so busy that many of the gardens are nearly empty, and even the

most fortunate growers can only muster 40 per cent. of their usual number of pickers to cope with a bumper crop.

The rumours range from stories of railway stations in ruins, to alleged radio threats from Haw-Haw that Goering is going to make a special point of machine-gunning hoppers. None of these stories has, of course, the smallest foundation, in fact.

This is the main reason why hundreds of pickers from Bermondsey and Limehouse and Stepney have decided this year not to risk exchanging the heart of London for the comparative peace of the hop gardens.

Other reasons are the fact that many mothers who usually make the trip to give their family a holiday have evacuated their children; that people prefer, in times of crisis, to remain at home, wherever "home" may be, and that at such times relatives like to stay together.

Meanwhile, an attempt to recruit pickers from other quarters has failed. This is principally because the living quarters provided for hoppers have appalled the potential volunteers. They had not realised that any "homeliness" there might be in a hopping camp was provided by industrious Londoners themselves, who papered hut walls, hung curtains and laid carpets brought from town. One woman stated that she had been led to believe that she was to work in a camp where conditions were similar to those in holiday centres; and her first request was for the bathroom! She was shown a tin basin of water outside the door of a tin hut, in which a family were sleeping on straw.

In at least one camp volunteers recruited under a special scheme were sent down to help with the picking. They state that they were offered a good wage, with board and lodging. After one night they returned home, disgusted, with the chalk-floored huts, and lack of cooking and washing facilities, and appalled by the sanitary arrangements.

Many Gardens Empty

It is also stated that a proposal to employ members of the Women's Land Army has fallen through in one district as the girls refuse point-blank to accept living conditions which have been "good enough" for regular pickers for many years.

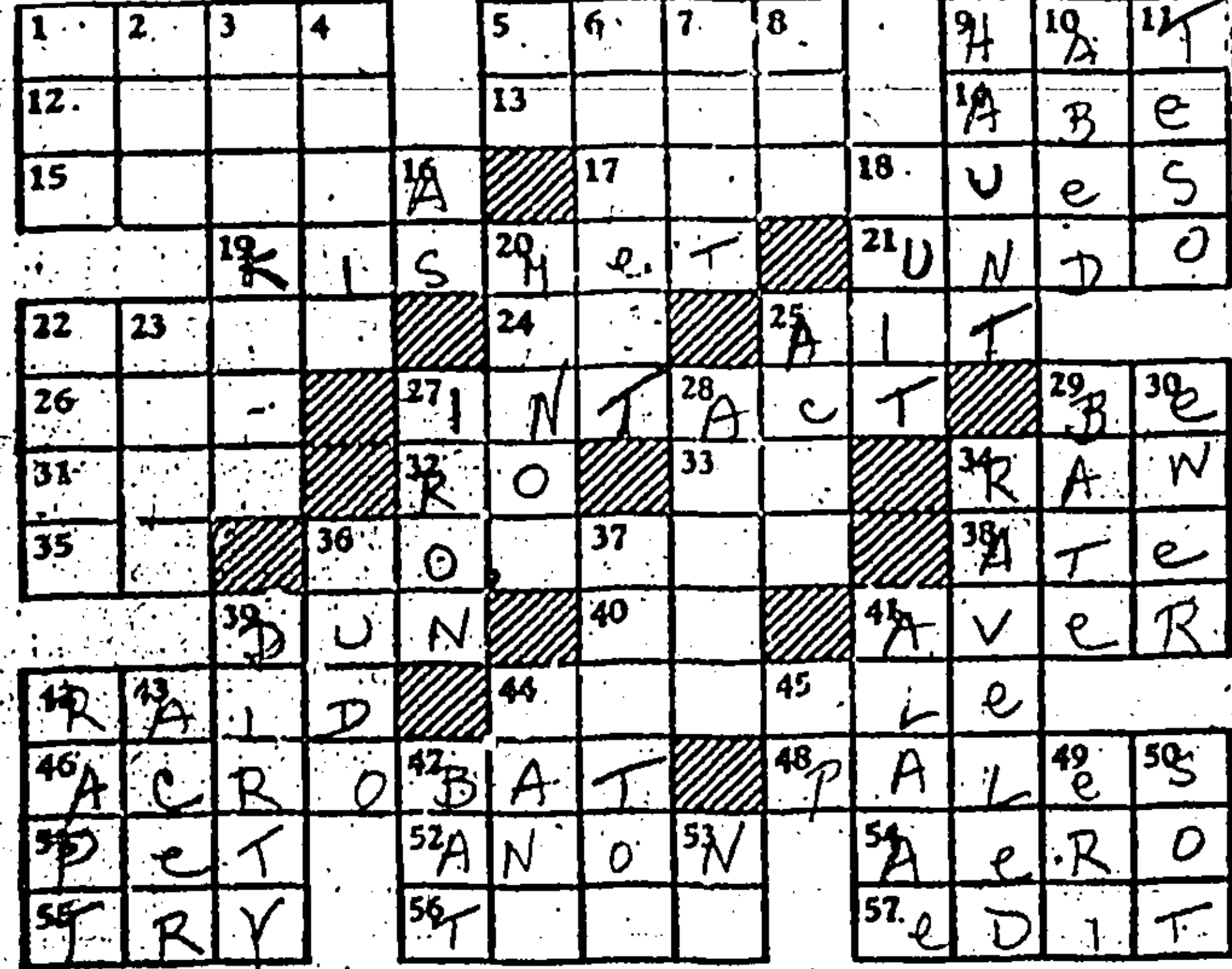
Meanwhile, at one camp I visited, the manager spoke in warm praise of those of the hoppers who had arrived.

"Never a light showing from any hut," he said. "If there's a warning they go on picking or take cover as they feel inclined, but they take everything calmly and sensibly."

Meanwhile, hopping has started a week before its usual time, almost before the crops are ready, in an effort to get them in, and picking, which usually lasts from three to four weeks, may go on for six, or even nine, weeks. Yet, in some parts, particularly the Eastern districts of Kent, it is likely that many fields will be "left to blow" for lack of pickers.

But it's strange to see a gas mask hanging on a hop-bin, and how one misses the glow of the evening camp fires and the sing songs!

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Male deer
- 5 Route
- 9 Head covering
- 12 Solo
- 13 Unbleached linen
- 14 Sleeveless garment
- 15 Birthplace of Mohammed
- 17 To subdue
- 19 Fate
- 21 To bring to ruin
- 22 Vegetable
- 24 Preposition
- 25 Island
- 26 Music: high
- 27 Left unimpaired
- 29 To exist
- 31 Clever
- 32 Artificial language
- 33 Symbol for Iridium
- 34 Uncooked
- 35 Egyptian astral body
- 36 To crowd against
- 38 Consumed
- 39 Brown
- 40 Note of scale
- 41 To decline
- 42 Sudden attack

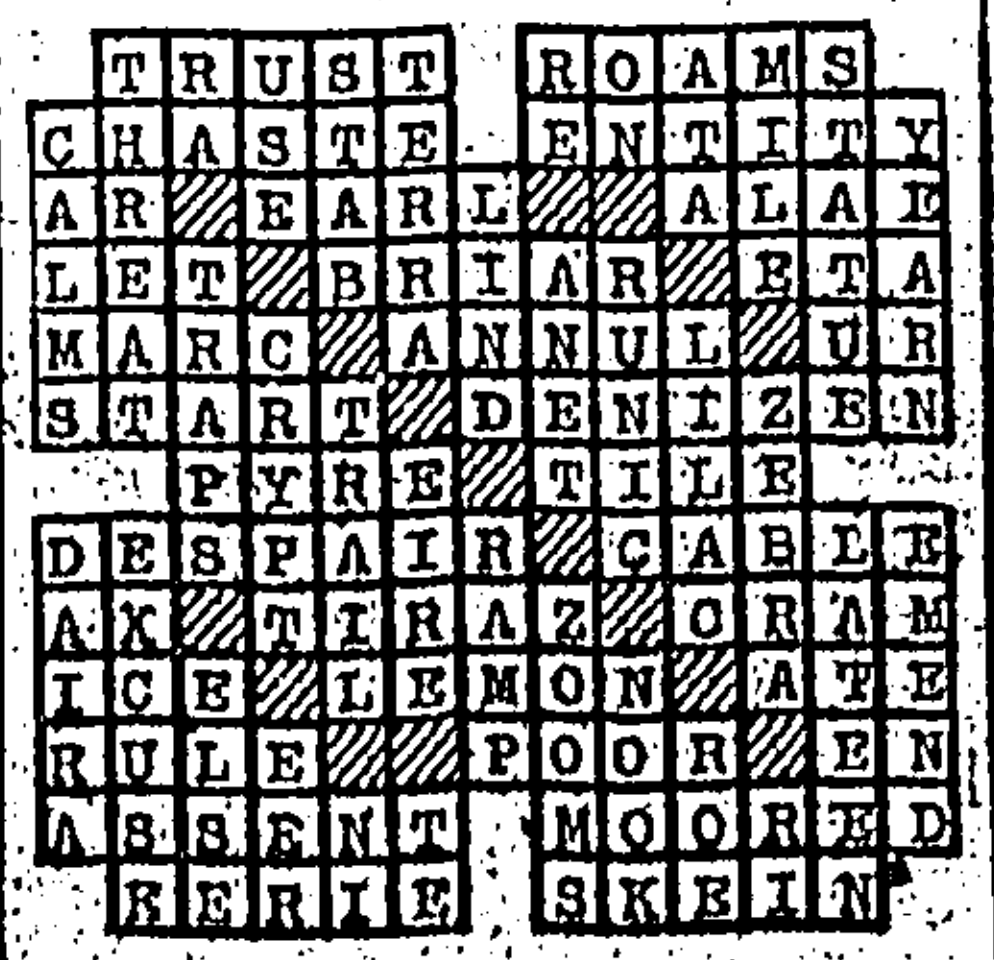
VERTICAL

- 1 Slang: poor actor
- 2 Land measure
- 3 Tottering
- 4 Inferred
- 5 Hebrew letter
- 6 Emphasis
- 7 To run slowly
- 8 Ancient Asiatic tribesman

9 To visit persistently, as a ghost

- 10 In bed
- 11 Hawaiian rootstock
- 16 Like
- 18 To desist from
- 20 King of Crete
- 22 To enjoy genial influences
- 23 Girl's name
- 25 Land measure
- 27 To press
- 28 Troubled
- 29 To diminish
- 30 Pitcher
- 34 Disentangled
- 36 Japanese art of self-defence
- 37 Son of Poseidon
- 39 Soiled
- 41 Engrained
- 43 Genus of maples
- 44 Hindu law-giver
- 45 Note of scale
- 47 Flying mammal
- 49 Silkworm
- 50 Drunkard
- 53 Sodium chloride

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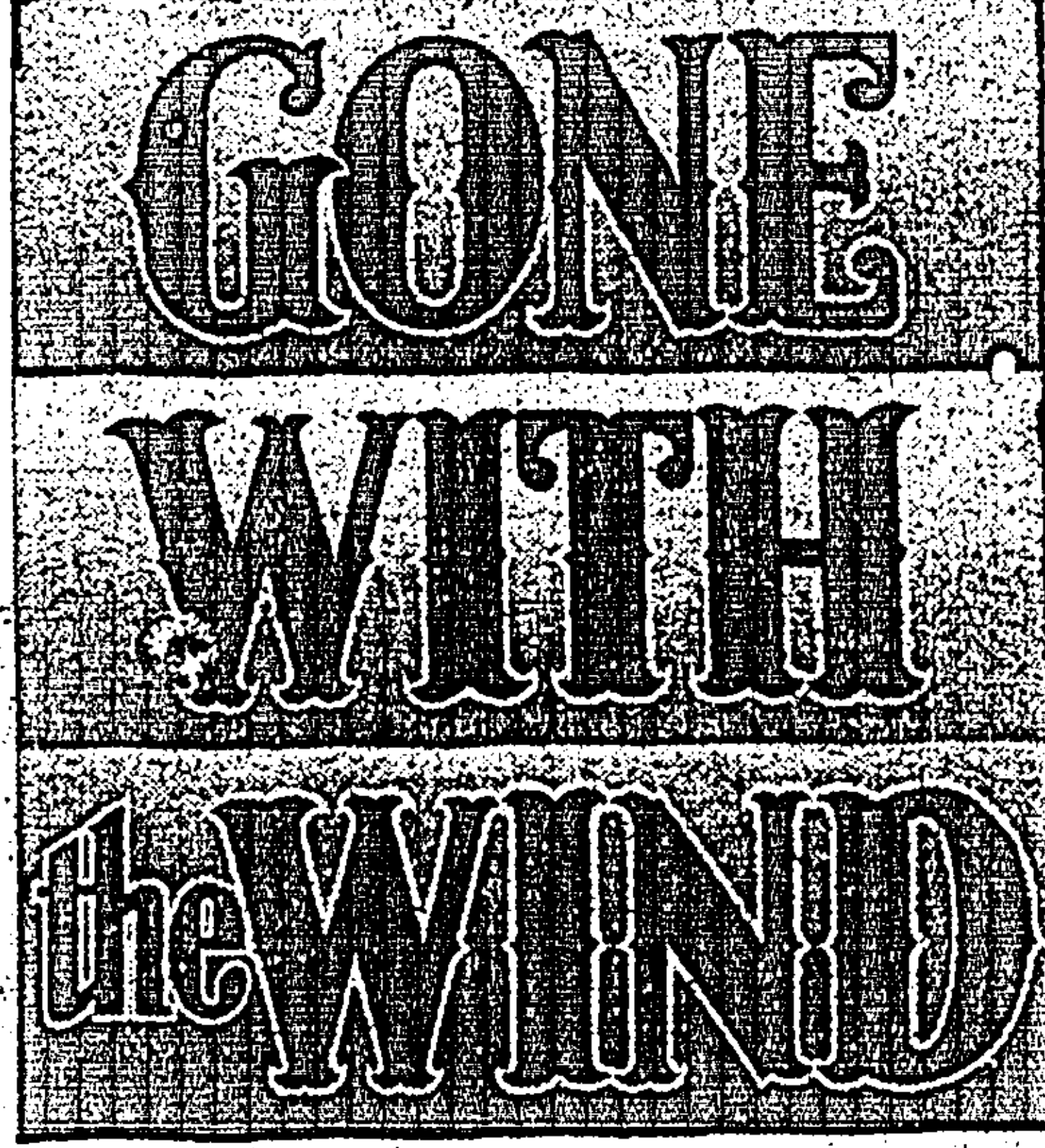
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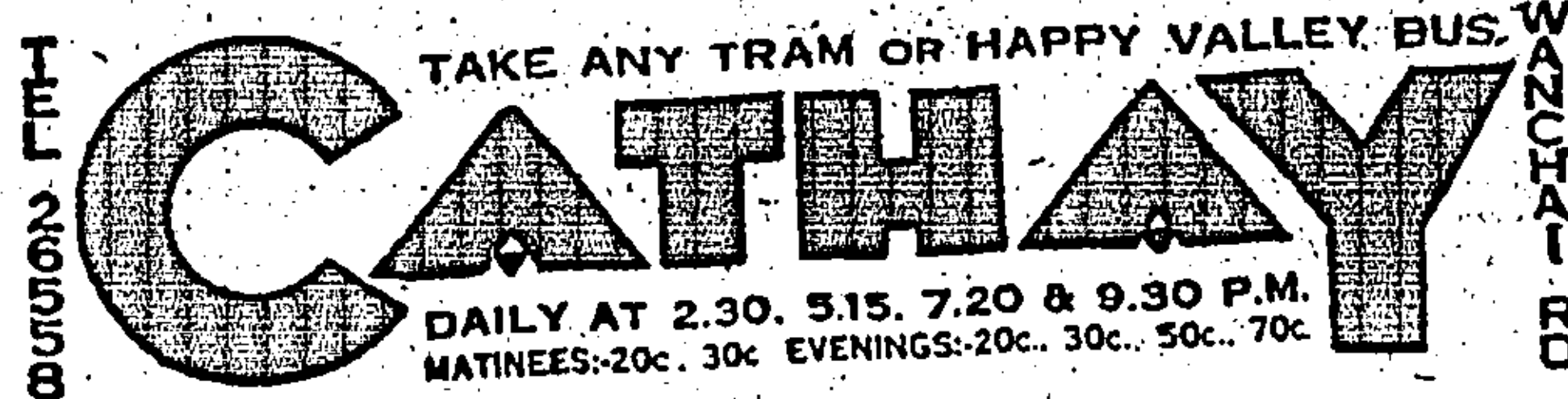
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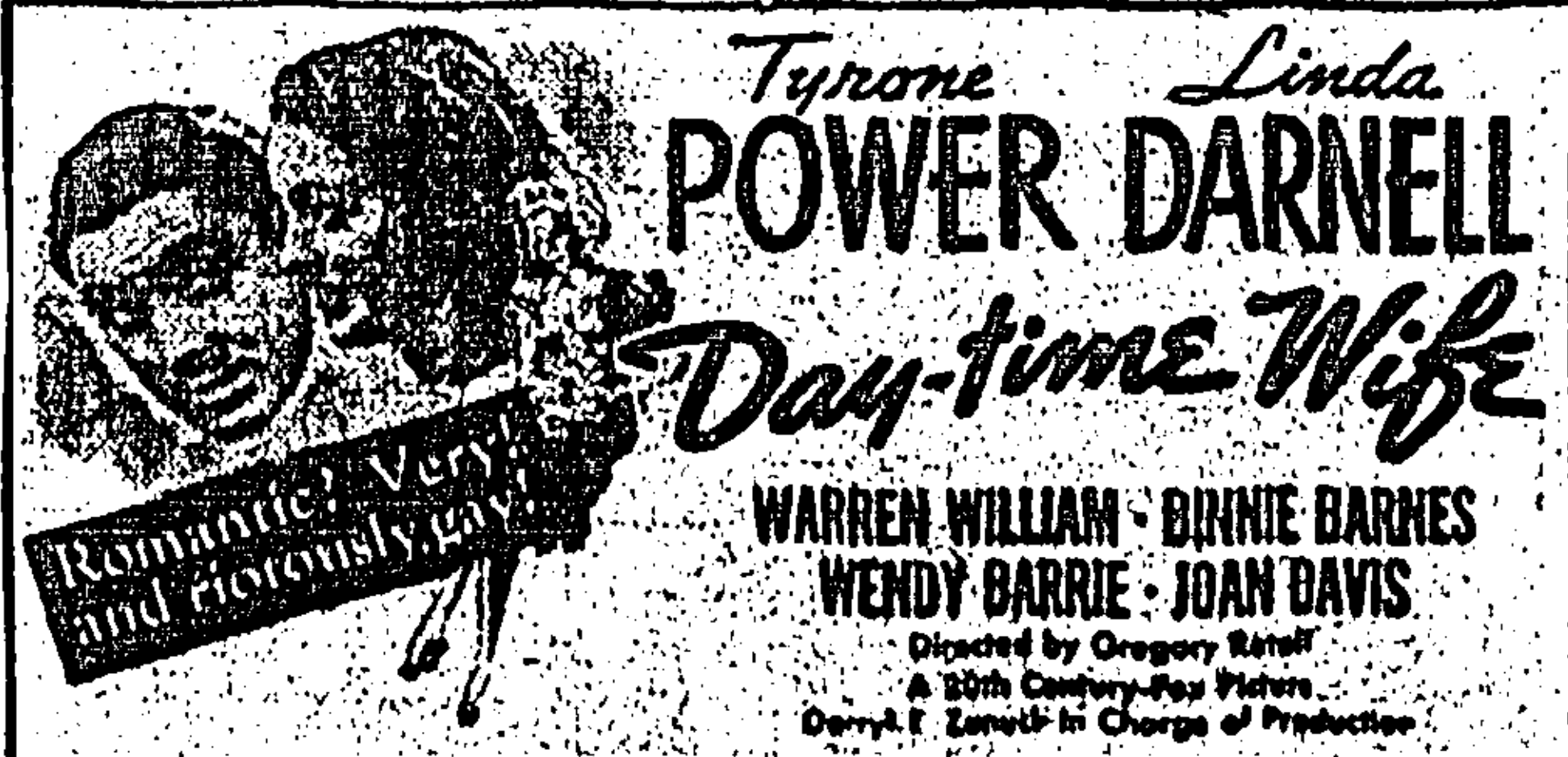
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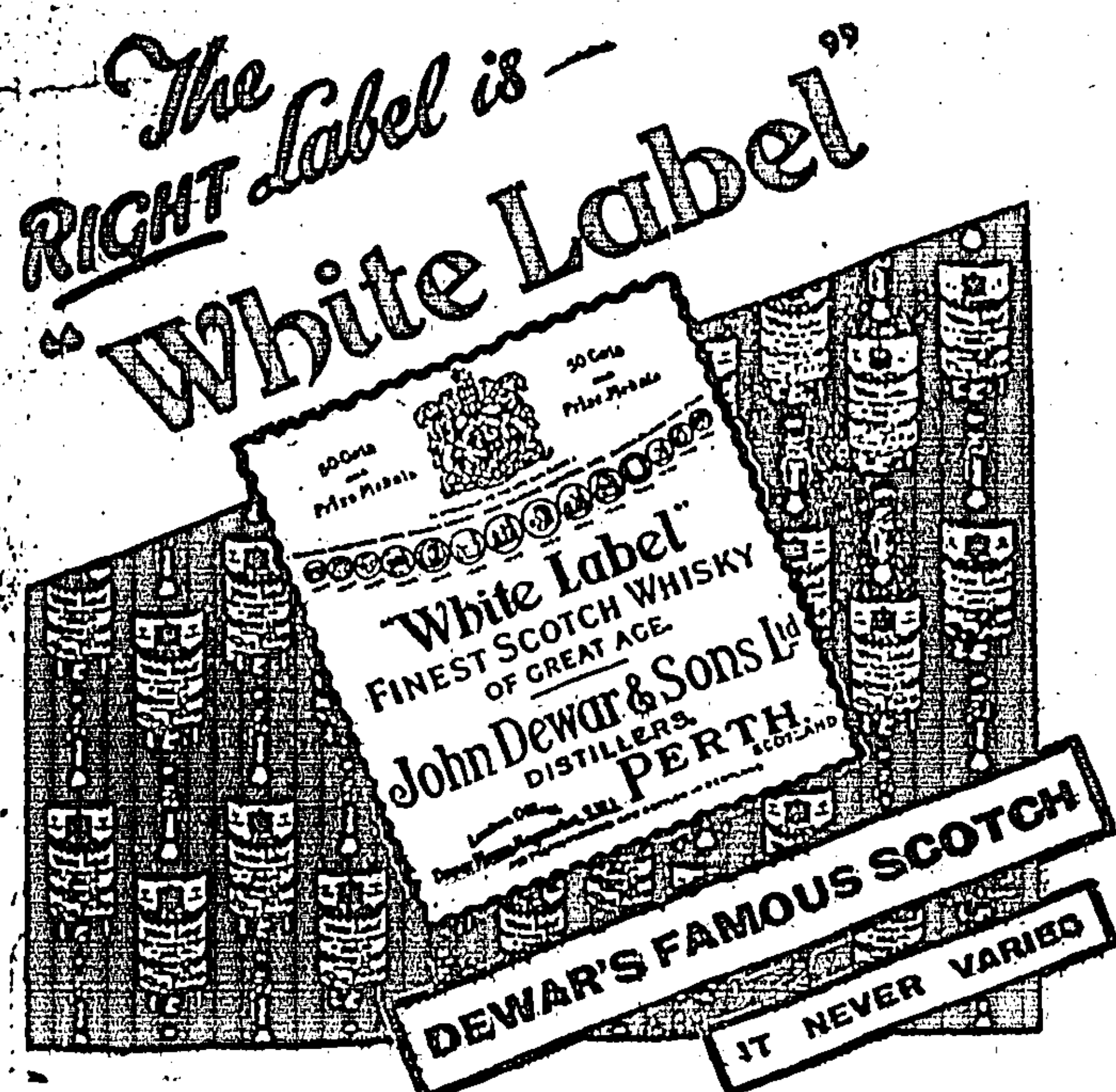
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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ON SIRENS AND SLEEP

How many hours of sleep can we lose without harm? This is what a large part of the population, kept awake nightly, by air raids, wants to know, writes a London correspondent.

The medical answer, though tentative, seems to be that we habitually sleep more than we need and, within limits, a little less sleep may do us no harm.

A doctor I talked to admitted: "English doctors have not studied the subject."

"It seems that German doctors have," he said. "You have heard the stories of the German mechanised troops who are given a drug that keeps them awake for 48 hours." But I don't think it can be said that anyone here is a specialist on sleep.

"Now doctors have their chance to examine the effects of lack of sleep in a large number of people. Let's hope they will take it."

"I believe less sleep will do little harm. For instance, young people who spend half the night at dances don't seem to feel any ill-effects from it."

"I seem to remember when I was young that the morning after the late night felt a little vague," I told him.

That was enough for a doctor. "It probably wasn't the lack of sleep that was troubling you either," he said pointedly. We agreed for my character's sake to leave it at that.

After Three Hours

It is true that neither doctors nor psychologists know what is the cause or the nature of normal sleep. There are at least four theories. One is about accumulation of acid products of metabolism, another about oxygen stored by the cells, there is a "toxin theory" and a theory that explains sleep as something that happens in the nerve cells.

Most of these are abandoned, and the popular theory at the moment is derived from the Russian Pavlov's experiments in conditioned reflexes. Sleep, say the modernists, is one big physiological inhibition.

It has been found that we sleep soundly only for the first three hours. After that the depth of sleep is very slight. Maybe we need the later hours less than we think.

Middle-aged people find sleep less and less necessary to them. History is full of stories (generally unverified) of great men and women who needed a minimum of sleep. Napoleon is the classic example of the man supposed to be able to go to sleep at will, taking an hour's nap in the middle of a battle if he felt like it.

There is a school of Napoleon fans who say he had stomach-ache at Waterloo and lost the battle because he lost his power to sleep. Psychologists couldn't say that was because he lost his self-confidence.

Sleepless London

I asked all sorts of people how — or whether — they did without sleep.

London has been one of the sleepless towns this last week. Who is the representative Londoner? Naturally, the greatest of Cockney comedians, the man whom Londoners recognise as one of themselves. I mean Mr. Gordon Harker.

I found him making a film. It was between two air raid alarms, but shooting was going on merrily at the studios in Denham.

How does Mr. Gordon Harker do without sleep? The answer seems to be he just sleeps.

"I got home as soon as I can from the theatre," Mr. Harker says, "and I just go to bed. I haven't been later than 2 a.m."

That was when, at the London theatre he is playing in, they had dancing on the stage since the alarm went on some hours after the show was over, and the audience couldn't go home.

"I have a reinforced basement and we've put a couple of camp beds down there," Mr. Harker says. "But we haven't been down there yet. Steady nerves? I don't think so. I couldn't see the point of staying up."

"We've been careful to take all the proper precautions — sand in

the attic and all that sort of thing. After that we try to live as normal a life as we can."

I think more than ever that Mr. Gordon Harker is a representative Londoner.

Relaxation

The man of affairs takes a slightly different attitude.

Mr. W. J. Brown, the Civil Service leader, can go to sleep at will. "The art of going to sleep," he told me, "is physical relaxation. You unbend every muscle. When you start unbending your muscles deliberately you will be surprised to find how many are tense."

"As you achieve physical relaxation, mental relaxation follows. Once this happens you can go to sleep."

"I snatch naps in my chair in this way whenever I have a spare moment. It is not as good as a night's sleep, but it's wonderful what a difference it makes."

The controllers of large staffs? I asked Mr. W. B. Neville, general manager of the London Co-operative Society.

He said, "People are adjusting themselves. If they miss sleep they are going to bed early to make up for it. People have been suffering from lack of sleep — that is quite clear. But the general attitude is that we've got to adjust ourselves and see that we shall not be thrown out of our stride."

"So far there has been no serious inconvenience to our night-work departments. Some have been affected more than others, but, generally speaking, we have got through without much trouble."

ITALIAN FINED

A conversation at Euston Station with two French sailors who had come over to join the forces of General de Gaulle was the subject of evidence given at Clerkenwell Police Court.

An Italian, Guido Bargerio (60), a cook, of Warwickway, Victoria, was charged on remand with using insulting words.

Evidence was given through an interpreter by the French sailors, who alleged that Bargerio told them England would lose the war, and they should go back to France.

Bargerio, who said his sympathies were with England, was fined 40s. and a guinea costs.

CRASHED GERMAN PLAYS WITH TOY 'PLANE

In their bungalow in a South-East England rural area Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore were sitting down to breakfast when, through the window, they noticed a man limping along the road towards them.

He wore a drab uniform and had only one boot, and, when he reached the bungalow, he announced: "I am a German officer. I have had the misfortune to be brought down."

Gave Him Tea

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore asked him in and gave him bread and butter and tea.

He was grateful, played with a toy 'plane belonging to the Whitmores' little son, and laughed when they showed him a cartoon of Hitler.

He said he did not know the exact district in which he had landed, and wanted to know how far he was from the Thames.

He was caught in a searchlight and could not get away, he explained.

For two years, he said, he had lived in Manchester, and when he was asked if he were married he replied: "My wedding next week. Just my luck."

When the Whitmores handed him over to the police he shook hands with all of them.

"END FAIR PLAY TO NAZIS"

Sportsmanship and sympathy, except for our own kith and kin can have no place among us until war is over and done."

Lord Queenborough makes this declaration in the "Monthly Message" of the Royal Society of St. George when he writes:

"We can no longer tolerate with patience the extension of chivalrous, not to say quixotic, treatment towards enemy airmen. Every further breach of international law and civilised practice by the enemy must be ruthlessly quipped."

Blow For Blow

"Our native traditions of fair play and generosity to an opponent are deeply ingrained in us. To abandon them, even now, is hard and distasteful."

"But we no longer have the right to follow our inclinations — in the name of our own life as a nation we must return blow for blow, with harsh and iron determination."

GIRLS WERE RIGHT TO REFUSE 6 MONTHS' JOB

Girls had a right to refuse work when they were required by an employer to bind themselves for six months. This is the upshot of a decision of the umpire of the Court of Referees in Warrington, which has brought to light a remarkable story.

Last December a Warrington clothing firm's premises were destroyed by fire, and girl operatives — members of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers — were suspended until the employers obtained new premises and machinery.

Six Months' Clause

In the meantime the girls were offered similar employment, through the Labour Exchange, with another firm, and were willing to accept until they found that the prospective employer would not accept them save on a written undertaking to remain in his service for a continuous

period of six months. The girls refused to accept this condition, since a week's notice on either side is the recognised practice in the industry, and the Labour Exchange suspended benefit pending a decision by the umpire at the Court of Referees.

Two individual cases were submitted to him, and the umpire has upheld claims for benefit.

In issuing his decision, the umpire states that if the six months service clause of the prospective employer was enforceable it would render it impossible for the girls to return to their old employer, as they wished to do when he resumed business after the fire disaster.

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SHIPPING LOSSES

The sinking of the "Empress of Britain" has come as a rude shock, though the importance of the incident is capable of exaggeration, as witness some of the American broadcasts. The disaster was made possible by new Nazi tactics which will have to be met and doubtless will be met, and it was made possible by factors which have contributed largely to the recent increase in British shipping losses.

An increase in such losses when conditions at sea and the occupation of French ports began to favour the U-boat campaign was only to be expected. But whatever successes Germany is able to achieve are bought at a heavy cost. The destruction of enemy submarines is not regularly announced by the British Admiralty. Nazi broadcasts habitually exaggerate the tonnage of British shipping sunk to a fantastic extent. But the actual loss admitted by Britain for a recent week reached an impressive figure. The seriousness of this has not been under-rated in London. There is no reason, however, to fear that the efficiency of the convoy system has in any way weakened or that the Royal Navy is not pursuing the campaign against the U-boat menace with the utmost vigour and vigilance.

The collapse of France gave Germany numerous bases nearer the trade routes for attacking British shipping. That is obviously one explanation for the intensified submarine warfare. There has been concentration of smaller units of the fleet to meet the invasion danger, a situation which will be much relieved when America's 50 destroyers come into service. The new difficulty thus presented will undoubtedly be overcome. If the air blitzkrieg, always regarded as the greater danger, has failed, it is hardly likely that the utmost ruthlessness on the part of U-boat commanders can defeat the enormous strength of British sea power or come anywhere near starving Britain into surrender. Such a desperate situation nearly arose in 1917, when in the month of April alone 881,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping were sunk. The chances of a ship leaving the United Kingdom on a voyage and returning safely were

Anger and despair filled the British destroyer when it was realised that the shells were falling short of the Italian cruiser, now almost bursting her turbines in a frenzied effort to escape.

Mussolini had been wise. He knew what sort of fight the Italian Navy was destined to wage when he insisted that the first requisite of Italian warships was speed. Speed, and still more speed.

Through the sea-mists Italian sailors discerned the coast-line of Sicily; felt sure they were safe at last.

But now a speck appeared in the sky, grew in a matter of seconds into the shape of a vicious-looking British naval aircraft. Although shells burst round it, on and on it came.

When it dived almost to water-level, the Italians knew what to expect. You have to be near the surface when you release a torpedo, otherwise the jar of hitting the water dislocates the propelling mechanism of the projectile.

The aircraft flew to within a few hundred yards of the Italian cruiser—essential again, because a fast manoeuvring ship can dodge a 60-ft-a-second torpedo, given time.

A skim of foam through the water, a gigantic roar, and the tiny aircraft had delivered its gift from the British Fleet, in the shape of a torpedo, right into the bowels of the ship.

Speed, speed, speed, urged Mussolini.

But it hasn't saved them from the Fleet Air Arm, "shock-troops" of the Royal Navy.

His warships have sped for Africa's Tobruk if a wisp of smoke on the horizon has suggested that the British Fleet was about. They have covered behind the vast semicircular harbour bar there.

The Fleet Air Arm has dived over the bar to torpedo, bomb and machine-gun them.

His submarines have skulked at periscope depth; ten times more afraid to show their noses than U-boat commanders.

Yet lads of the Fleet Air Arm have sent them rolling to the bottom.

Some of Mussolini's naval detachments, hearing that British ships-of-war are in one part of the Mediterranean, have tried to make a show of bravery six hundred miles away. But now they are even nervous about that.

British naval aircraft hunt them out, test them with three tons of bombs a minute. Fleet Air Arm units have maintained a grim tattoo of five tons a minute on a German naval base.

No wonder they hope that one day Il Duce will discover a bomb-proof harbour for good Italian sailors.

There are no German airmen doing work comparable with that of the Fleet Air Arm—the youngest Air Force in the world. The

then only one in four. It has been frankly admitted since then that the whole Allied cause threatened to crash to earth just as America entered the war. The situation was saved in time by the adoption of the convoy system and the complete Government control of all matter affecting Britain's national life and the direction of national effort. Things are vastly different to-day. There can be no question of losing the war at sea while it is being won in the air.

infant was born as recently as May of last year.

The United States has such a service—but it hasn't had the test of war.

It is one thing to leave a friendly aerodrome, run the gauntlet of German anti-aircraft batteries, fly back—having a smack at a few Messerschmidts on the way—and

By
Maurice Fagence

then have lights to illumine your path to friendly "terra firma" and a hospitable mess.

The Fleet Air Arm has the same attacks from anti-aircraft guns, from bombers and from fighters—but without the other blessings.

The naval flying man's home is an aircraft carrier, a tiny speck in a wide expanse of sea. His "terra firma" is a swaying deck.

He sets out at dead of night and does 500 miles on sheer navi-

different directions at a given second. It really was a given second. A two-second error would have endangered the operation.

Although they left aircraft carriers 200 miles away, and took different courses, they arrived over their targets at the second arranged. And did murderous work.

They were told: "The 'Richelieu' must never sail again while this war is in progress. She is in harbour at Dakar, off the West Coast of Africa."

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There is arm-chair comfort in most of the aeroplanes used from aerodromes.

In aeroplanes catapulted from the decks of warships, pilots are cramped in tiny cockpits, often with no more protection from the stinging nor-easter than a wind-screen as big as a pocket-handkerchief.

It is the same with gunners, radio operators, observers and others in the crews. They must be complete R.A.F. airmen and know their naval flying duties as well. And be sailors into the bargain.

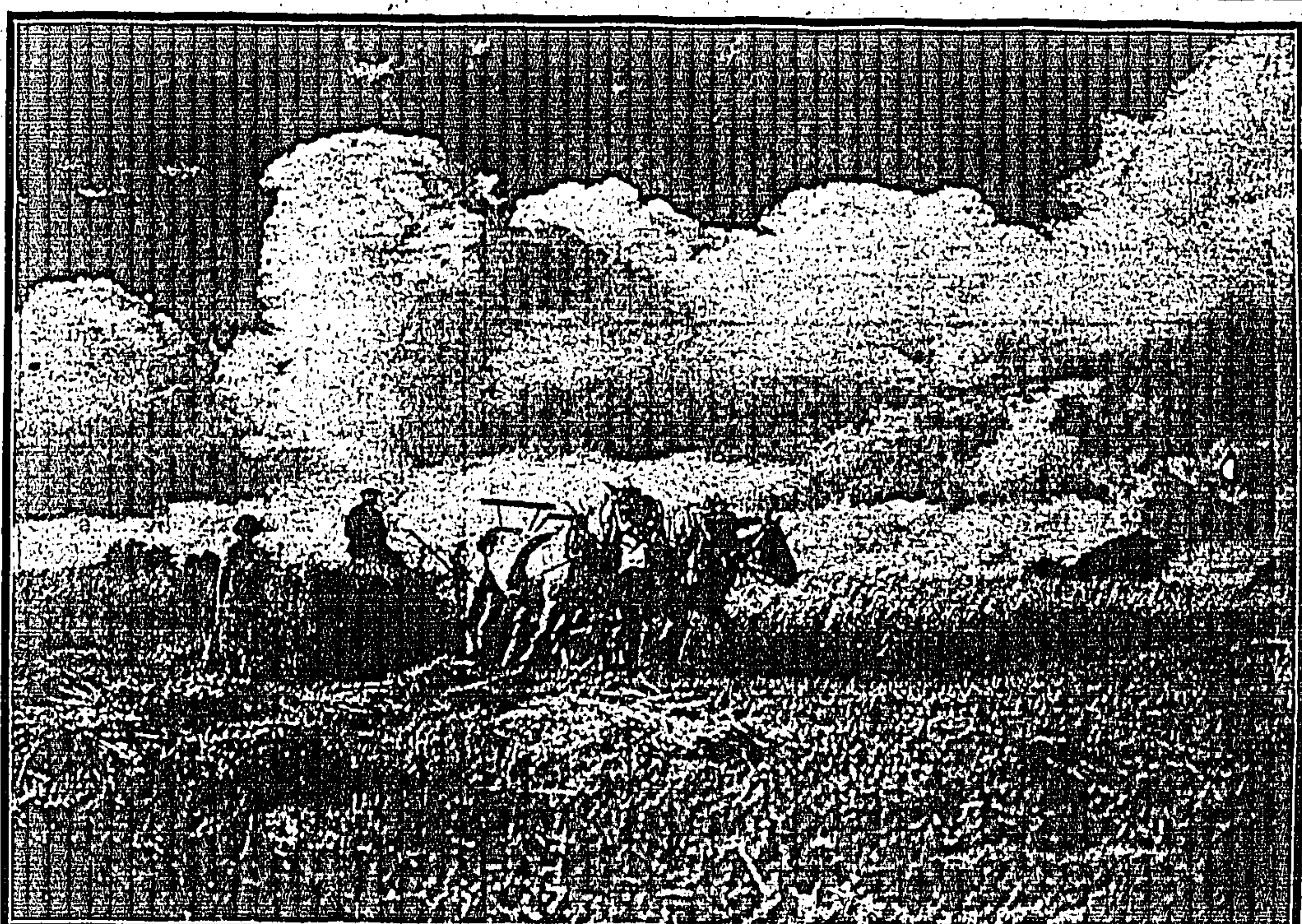
Judge their all-round ability from this.

A young midshipman pilot ran out of petrol. There are no petrol pumps at sea, and he was equipped only for a sea-landing. So he brought his machine down on the ground, "ski-ing" to a standstill on his floats.

Then he scrounged the petrol he wanted, slid off the ground, and got back to his carrier.



Judge their doggedness from this. Dive-bombing German war-



A picturesque scene near York as the farmer carries on with the harvesting, beneath heavy clouds. (Copyright, Fox).

gational ability not daring to ask his whereabouts by radio, because any ship that told him would reveal its whereabouts to the enemy.



Round and round he goes in that 500-mile course, always doing reconnaissance work, and sometimes a spot of fighting as well.

Then, whatever his evolutions in a barren sea, devoid of landmarks, he must steer a dead course for that speck he calls home.

Even if naval exigencies have compelled the aircraft carrier to move while he was away from home, he should be able to spot it.

Yet, as probably a cunning enemy has followed him back, hoping he would reveal a wonderful target, he must not worry if no flashing message comes from the sea.

As well as navigational ability, he must have the patience and fortitude to wait bravely for a sign from the dark sea.

In such a way the Fleet Air Arm daily covers 8,000,000 square miles of often storm-tossed sea—160 times the area of England.



When British destroyers attacked Narvik, the aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm had to appear from

They have to learn how to be catapulted into the air, how to take off from and land on a ship that is trying to stand on end; how to bring a machine-equipped with floats down into the water.



You may not believe it, but water is harder than clay. And dances about, which clay can't be persuaded to do. What is more, water is ever-changing. You need a hundred different techniques for "landing" in it.

Next, the pilot must learn to be a complete sailor. When afloat he must do ordinary ship's duties. When his craft is on the surface of the sea he must navigate it as a ship—must function as a master of a ship.

He must fly machines that are necessarily far inferior to anything in service with the R.A.F.

They must be given added strength to enable them to withstand the shock of landing on deck or in the sea—and that can only be got at the expense of lightness and manoeuvrability.

They must be considerably smaller than machines used from a land base. Even the biggest aircraft carriers would only be able to give ship's space for half a dozen or so big R.A.F. machines.

Seventy and more tiny Fleet Air Arm craft can be housed comfortably in such a parent ship.

ships in a Norwegian fiord, a Fleet Air Arm machine was hit by anti-aircraft fire. His port petrol tank alight, the pilot dived into the fiord.

Under the noses of the Germans he put out the fire when he had only 20 gallons of petrol left, took off, and made a safe landing alongside a British destroyer.

If you would know about the men as personalities, read this.

An Air Arm pilot brought his machine down in a harbour off the West Coast of Ireland because his engine was in need of repair.

The Elre harbour-master lent him a mechanic, the job was completed, and off he went.

Some hours later Dublin was on the telephone to the harbour-master.

"We understand you have interned a British flying-boat that put down in your harbour," said the Voice of Officialdom.

"Sure, I've done no such thing," sang back the harbour-master. "They've flown away. I couldn't think of being neutral against young men so charming."

Charming? Forgive Mussolini if he fails to agree.

He is known to have earmarked some four hundred of his best machines to keep a special watch on the hornets of the Royal Navy.

He can little afford to spare them with Libya, Abyssinia, and Italy itself continually under fire from our R.A.F.

He realises that even the Royal Italian Navy can't run fast enough to escape the grasp of the Fleet Air Arm.

SHANGHAI BOY TELLS OF WAR EXPERIENCES

Training conditions among the troops at Home were described in a letter recently received from a former Shanghai boy who is well-known as a sportsman, having distinguished himself as a goal-keeper with one of the local senior football teams. He joined up with one of the battalions which was in Shanghai, and went with them to India. From that country, his adventures are told in his own words. The food situation at Home and how the public are reacting to Nazi air raids are well recounted. The letter follows:—

After a couple of months of enforced silence due to the exigencies of the service (good old standby excuse!) in the shape of six weeks on the high seas and mountains of work since our arrival in this country, I can now write again and tell you all about myself and what has happened to me since my last letter.

Escort Increased

Two days out of Liverpool, our escort was increased and during the last 12 hours the sea literally swarmed with protecting boats, while overhead were dozens of 'planes. All very impressive, and doubtless a great deterrent to any enemy subs. which may have been around, for not a sign was there of any excitement.

We arrived in Liverpool on a cold, misty morning, which did not give me a favourable impression, at first glance, of England. Strange to say, I felt no thrill at setting foot in my own country for the first time.

Aldershot was our final destination and there we stayed two weeks, while we were fitted out with all sorts of new gadgets for waging war, and had time to get over our embarrassment at having to wear romper-suit-like Battledress, wonderfully comfortable "clobber" with no buttons to clean, praise be!

Leave in Worthing

During those two weeks, half the Battalion was sent away at a time for six days leave. I spent mine with a fellow-sergeant at his home in Worthing, a lovely little town on the Channel coast, set amongst the loveliest Downs country imaginable. I fell in love with the whole place, and have made up my mind that I shall settle there when my soldiering days are over.

This, my second glimpse of England, explained why Englishmen rave about this little island. There can be very few places in the world like the south of England. Beautiful hardly describes it.

Leave over, we settled down to hard training, moving out of Aldershot to our present place to do so. We are still at it—and, unlike most training, thoroughly enjoying it, exhausting though it some times is. I have been over nearly all of Hampshire, Sussex and Kent on manoeuvres—that is why I know the south of England is so lovely. Sleeping out in the open is really enjoyable—soft, thick grass, balmy dry weather and, best of all, no mosquitoes, or other biting and stinging horrors. Bees and hornets are plentiful but peaceable. Wonderful England!

Disappearing Tricks

Training these days has a dash of spice. Mimic warfare, because it is mimic, always makes us careless about "safety tactics", but now we have to be extra-careful—not about the friendly "enemy", but because of the real enemy overhead. It is amusing at times, while careering about chasing, or being chased by, the other side, to see all troops suddenly stop "shooting" each other up and vanish completely from sight on the appearance of a "plane"—any "plane"—and only continuing the "battle" when the umpires' whistles blow the "all clear." We are now very expert at making ourselves, and all our impedimenta, such as two-ton lorries and armoured carriers, absolutely invisible from the air. Jerry 'planes have passed over us by the score, singly and in huge masses, but never once have they spotted us—"us" being battalions of infantry, plus scores of lorries and such-like. Touch-wood!

Which naturally brings me to the subject which is interesting the whole world—Jerry raids on England. We are at the end of one week of Goering's so-called Blitzkrieg. Yesterday the R.A.F. topped the century for the second time with a bag of 140, of which day more anon.

Without exaggeration these raids are a frost. Jerry comes over in crowds—hundreds at a time—is met by our aircraft as they cross the coast, chased by the Spitfires and Hurricanes all over the place, shot up to blazes by tremendous barrages of A.A. fire, and such as are left are glad to be out of it. The speed with which they disappear is amazing. One lot of about 300 passed directly overhead one day, heading inland in temporarily mighty formation, but before they had gone quite out of sight they were all back again—hell for leather, every man for himself—heading for home.

They drop bombs, of course, but never with much accuracy. They are too harried for that. Most of the bombs are dropped in bunches, as they lighten their machines to make more speed, but most of these drop in open country and do little damage beyond spoiling one or two cows' output of milk for the day.

They have caused damage, of course, but mainly to civilian property in towns. These are no accidents, I can assure you, but deliberate foul play. But then, what can you expect of a German? Read on further, and perhaps your blood might boil.

Children Machine-Gunned

I was out yesterday on a job of work which took me to a place which I must not name and which was visited by Jerry. I was driving a lorry and when Jerry came over I pulled up on the side of the road under a tree and sat tight. There was no time to do anything else.

A hundred yards ahead of me was a little playground in which a couple of dozen little children were playing. When Jerry came up, these kiddies were rounded up and hurried along, I suppose, to an air-raid shelter. At any rate, they had to run down the road. They were machine-gunned from the air.

One dirty hound came right down and sprayed the street from end to end, right along the line of running kiddies. How none were hit is a mystery to me. I could see the bullets hitting the road all about them, but they got clear away, thank goodness.

I wish I could say I saw that Jerry hound shot down. He zoomed straight up immediately afterwards and disappeared. I hope he was one of the 140, and one that burned all the way down. I have never felt so mad in my life before. I am angry even now as I write of it.

Civilians Keep Calm

But let me get on to something pleasant. The behaviour of the civilians here during the raids is something to marvel at—they are so cool, so unhurried and so cheerful even in the middle of a bombardment. I think their attitude towards it all is that it is all a nuisance which must be endured. Certainly I have never heard one of them express fear yet. If Adolf could see them during a raid he would stop his terrorising tactics at once, because it would be apparent even to him that these tactics are wasted on the civilian population. They simply refuse to panic, if ever a thought of it has entered

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"I have no patience," he says, "with the puerile cries of some people, even though they may hold high positions, when they talk of mercy and try to dissociate the German people from their foul rulers."

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A.R.P. PLANS IN THE HOPFIELDS

The annual trek of thousands of South Wales people to the hopfields of Herefordshire, Worcestershire, and Gloucestershire has started.

Parties leaving Wales were not such "mixed parties" as those of normal years.

There are few men travelling this year, and, in some cases, parties of 40 and 50 women and children were without a single man.

Hop growers have taken precautions consistent with the times. Trenches have been dug in the fields for use as air raid shelters; wardens and first-aid experts will be at hand, while stirrup-pumps are available to deal with incendiary bombs.

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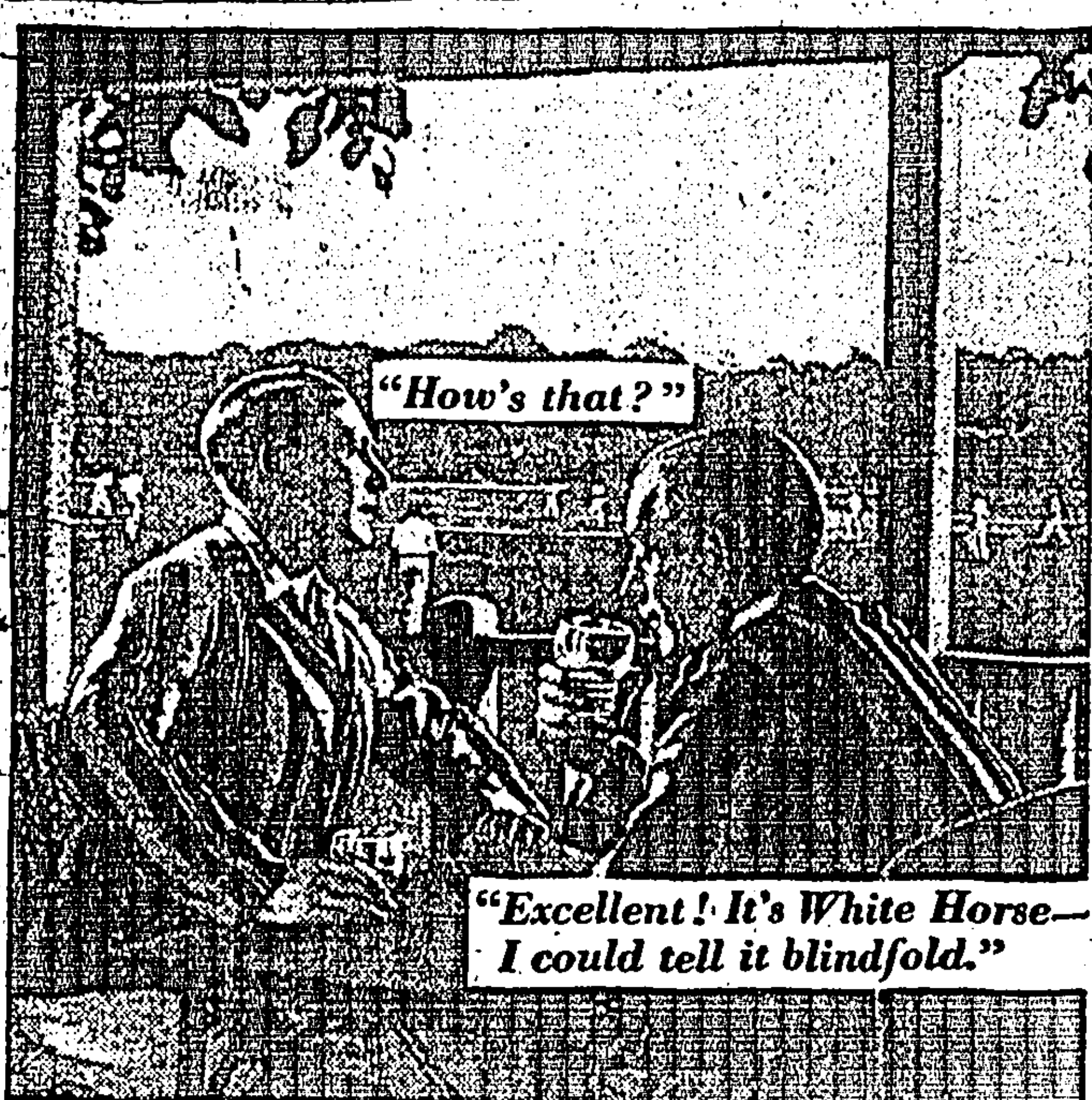
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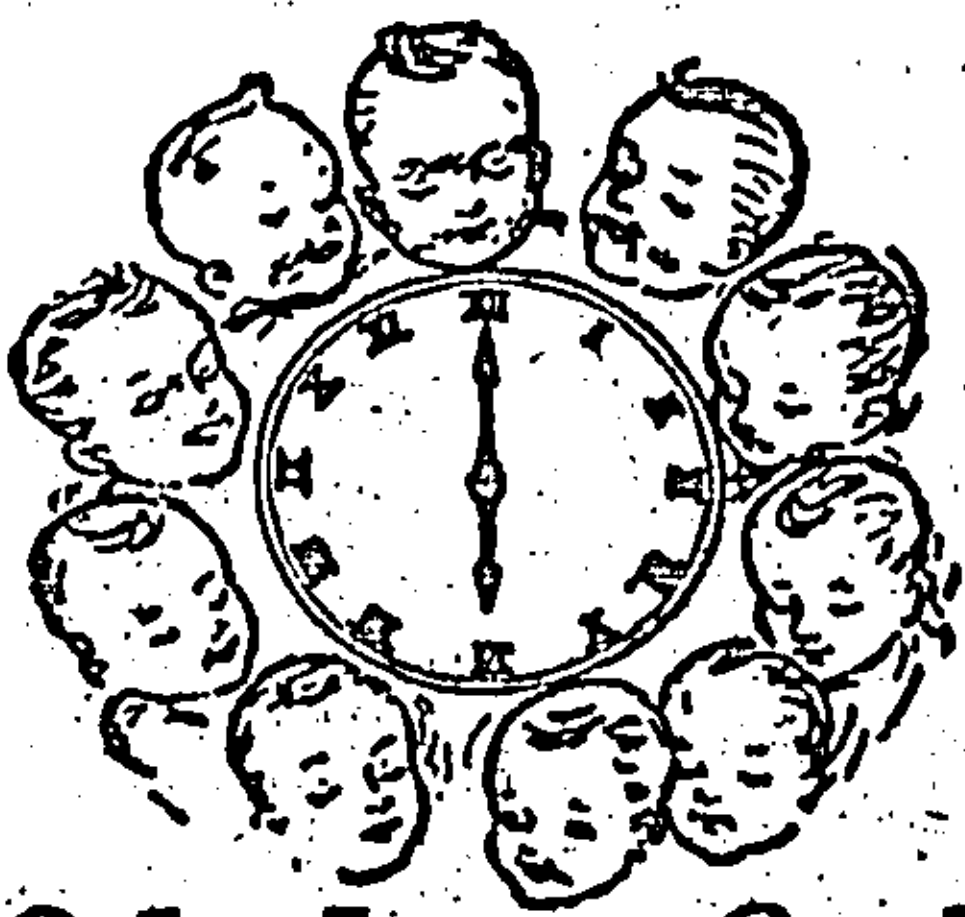
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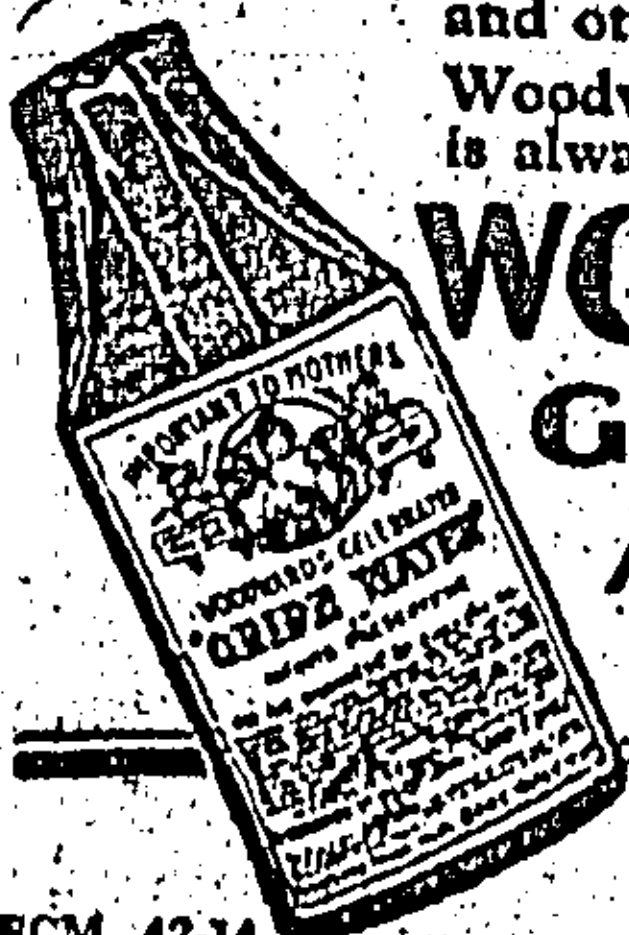


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GIGANTIC JIGSAW PUZZLE: 70 GERMAN DIVISIONS TO WATCH

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

THE OPPOSING FORCES in the Mediterranean theatre of war are so scattered that the situation resembles a gigantic jigsaw puzzle.

When Italy declared war, an immediate attack from the Albanian frontier was expected. This, in conjunction with the move of General Graziani's armies in North Africa, would have kept the British navy busy.

Neither has yet materialised though there is no possible doubt that the Italians were ready both in Libya and Albania.

Libyan reports mention dilatory road-making activity near Sidi Barrani, but there apparently is a lack of initiative in the air.

Albanian reports suggest that the Italians are uneasy about the Albanians themselves.

An advance of a large force to Salonika might render communi-

cation lines vulnerable to hostile Albanians though it appears that Italy's best chance would be an immediate attack before the Greeks have completed mobilisation.

German Divisions

A real enigma is offered by the presence of 70 German divisions in the vicinity of the Balkans.

Many are assembled on the borders of Hungary and Yugoslavia while mechanised units are in the border towns of German Carinthia. What is the plan for which these vast forces, (at least 1,000,000 men) are intended?

Turkey is ruled out as an immediate German objective for the present at least, for there is only a small number of troops in Rumania.

Yugoslavia?

Not so in the case of Yugoslavia, as every German military move suggests pressure against that country.

Yugoslavia's army is in a very difficult position. Hungary and Bulgaria both fit into the puzzle more easily.

Both will "toe the line" whatever action Germany may suggest.

There are signs of improving Russo-Turkish relations and the question asked is whether Russia is nervous in connection with German intentions.

Geography may be an important factor in Balkan developments.

Hungary is flat, Yugoslavia, mountainous. The Italians could only invade Greece by marching eastwards towards Salonika or southwards towards the Gulf of Corinth.

Salonika First?

Salonika is bound to be the main objective; it was one of the

BOYS ON FARM- WORK

About twenty senior boys of Dulwich College, mostly members of the first cricket or rugby teams, are helping farmers in the Wiltshire district of Dorset for three weeks or more.

The party is under the control of Mr. Eric Parsley, head of the Modern Side, and Mr. K. J. Veitch, who is in charge of football at the College. The boys are accommodated in the house of the parents of one of their number, Mr. and Mrs. Hibberd, of The Firs, Wiltshire, whose hospitality has made the scheme possible.

The boys are gaining experience of varied kinds of farm work, including the real harvesting tasks of "hilling," ricking carting and threshing.

The work goes on with a fine spirit, and some farmers who had hesitated to apply for boys are now regretting that there are not more available.

VON PAPEN LEAVES FOR BERLIN

Von Papen, the German Ambassador, has left Ankara for Istanbul, from where, it is stated, he will be proceeding immediately to Berlin. — Reuter.

most important outlets for Yugoslav trade and may again become an important war valve.

But whatever the Italians may do, those 70 German divisions must be watched.

They may be for movements through Hungary and Rumania towards Thrace or for a march through the Ukraine to southern Russia in search for oil. No indication is favouring one or other of these speculations but all are distinctly possible.

Finally, there is the incalculable factor of weather.

Deep snow lies on Greek mountains while other parts of the Balkans are wet and cold; usually preliminary to a nasty winter.

This may persuade the Germans to attempt to repeat the Norwegian success but it is more likely to cause them to wait for spring. — Reuter.

MASTERS OF THE LUFTWAFFE

This is the time of the Spitfires and Hurricanes. They are splendidly flown. One can say with certainty that the Spitfire and the Hurricane have between them saved us in the war. No praise is too high for the way they have been flown and fought by the enthusiastic youngsters of the Fighter Command.

Admitting the excellence of the pilots and the effectiveness of the armament, what can be advanced as an explanation of how these aircraft have consistently brought down enemy fighters of practically equal performance? The clue to the main technical superiority lies in power of manoeuvre and control, and that, in turn, is a product of superlative design.

Genius Of Designers

In each and every encounter they have proved their superiority over far more numerous formations of enemy fighters and bombers. The success of the two machines is due to the genius of two British designers and their teams of technicians. The Supermarine Spitfire, designed by the late Mr. R. J. Mitchell, first flew in 1936, and Hawker Hurricane, designed by the very much alive Mr. Sidney Camm, is also more than four years old. It first flew in November, 1935, and went into service early in 1938. Since then both machines have been built in big numbers.

The success of the Spitfire and the Hurricane is due in a large part to the development of the Rolls-Royal Merlin liquid-cooled motor, which develops more than 1,000 h.p. It gives the Spitfire a top speed of 387 m.p.h., and the Hurricane, a bigger aeroplane, a maximum of 335 m.p.h.

Great Fire-Power

But in the type of dog-fight going on at present, manoeuvrability counts even more than speed, and in that particular both the Hurricane and the Spitfire far excel any German fighter. And once in contact with the enemy the eight guns in the wings of both types, firing at a total rate of 9,600 rounds a minute, leave little doubt about the outcome of a fight.

Good as are the Spitfire and the Hurricane, still better fighters will be in service with the R.A.F. before long.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL CHIEFS FOR BIG TEST TO COME

WITH THE UNPROVOKED Italian attack upon Greece, naval operations are likely to assume major importance.

With Sir Andrew Cunningham as C-in-C. Mediterranean Fleet, and Vice-Admiral J. C. Tovey as C-in-C. Home Fleet, the conduct of operations is in good hands.

Sir Andrew Cunningham is a man of wide knowledge and interests and is possessed of fierce energy, power, quick decision and infinite resource. He holds what is probably a record in the service as from 1911 until 1914 he was in continuous command of one ship—the destroyer Scorpion. In the last war, he distinguished himself in the Gallipoli campaign and after the evacuation, commanded a small detached force in the Aegean.

After various appointments, he became Rear Admiral Commanding Destroyers in the Mediterranean and in 1938 Vice-Admiral Commanding the battle cruiser squadrons in that sea, becoming C-in-C. about a year later.

Tovey Of Onslow

Vice-Admiral J. C. Tovey, who recently became C-in-C. Home

Fleet, is another destroyer officer. He greatly distinguished himself at Jutland when commanding "Onslow" and this ship is referred to in a despatch by the rear-admiral commanding a light squadron in the battle.

"I should like," the Rear-Admiral reported, "to bring your attention to the action of a destroyer—name unknown—which we passed close in disabled condition. After 6 p.m., she apparently was able to struggle ahead again and made straight for the Derflinger to attack her. The incident appeared so courageous it seems desirable to investigate it further." The destroyer was Onslow. Admiral Tovey commanded Rodney between 1932 and 1934 and has also been Rear-Admiral Commanding Mediterranean Fleet destroyers. — British Wireless.

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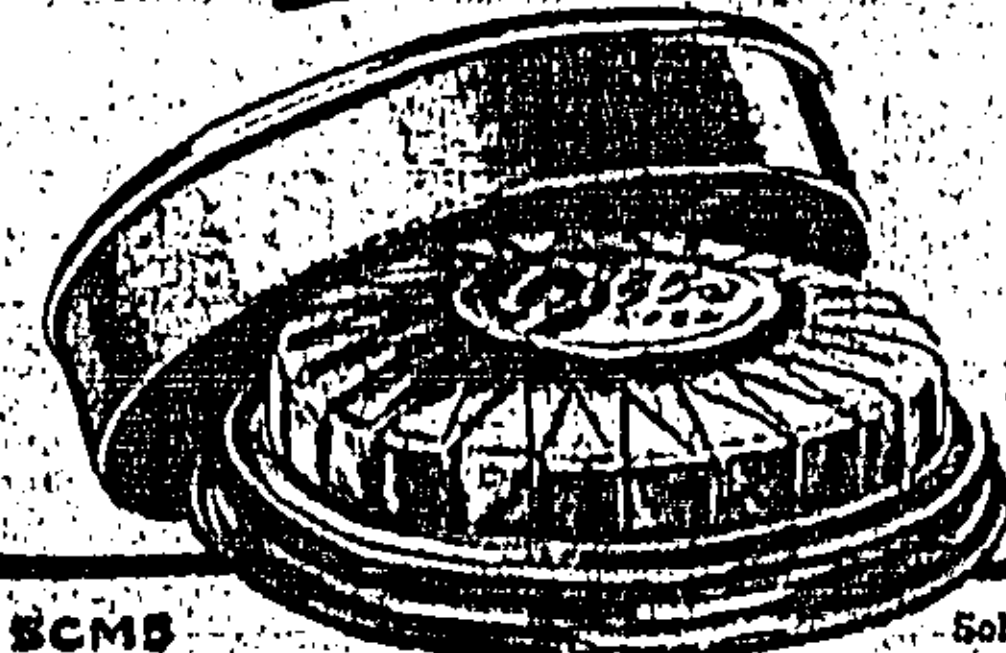
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♠ 9 6 5 3
♥ Q J 10 9 5
♦ 5
♣ K 5 4
♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ Q 10 6 2
♣ 6 2
N
W
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♠ J 7 2
♥ A 7 2
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A 8 7 3
♠ A K
♥ K 4
♦ A K J 9 3
♣ Q J 10 9

The bidding:

South West North East
10 Pass 1♥ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West led the four of spades, East played the Jack, and South won with the King. South now led the King of hearts, West played the three, and East ducked. Declarer continued hearts, but this time East took the trick without hesitation. Note that the defence would collapse if East held up his heart Ace again, for South would immediately begin on the clubs. He would then be able to win three clubs and two diamonds in addition to the two tricks in each major suit.

Note also that East is quite anxious to take his Ace of hearts exactly when South plays his last heart. In such a situation, West must play his lowest heart if he holds exactly three cards in the suit; but some heart other than his lowest if he holds either two or four hearts. Since East held the deuce, he knew that West's heart three was his lowest; hence, that West held three hearts, and South only two.

East returned a spade after winning the heart Ace, and South took the spade Ace. South next laid down the club Queen, but East properly held off to prevent the club King from acting as an entry to dummy. On the next club lead East was able to capture dummy's club King. A diamond return then completed a very fine defence; South couldn't make the contract whether or not he finessed.

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non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K J 9 5
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ A Q 9 6

The bidding:

Burnstone Moler You Jacoby
1♥ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Redouble. If all should pass, your high cards practically guarantee the contract even though the trumps may be badly stacked. If the opponents bid, as is most probable, you will wreak terrific damage on them.

Score 100% for redouble, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 552

To-day you are Howard Shenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K 6 3
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ K J 9 7 5
♣ 4

The bidding:

Shenken Jacoby You Moler
1♥ Dbl. (?)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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By ED REED.



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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Four Day Hair Drill

Letter after letter arrives asking for help with scalp troubles. Almost every other person, it seems, is bothered with thin hair patches, scalp irritation, falling and poor hair.

And so here we are going to outline a special four-day treatment to deal with these problems.

We want to make it quite clear that this treatment is not for definite scalp disorders, such as alopecia. For those you should get medical advice. The routine suggested will correct the symptoms of under-nourishment as listed above, including bald patches.

One or two of these "oases" doesn't mean you've got alopecia. But if you hair looks as if it's moulting, then ten to one you have. The aim of the treatment is to supply food to the hair

glands under the surface of the skin in the covium.

And it's not an easy job, because you have to find an oil which the pores will absorb, together with an antiseptic which will prevent harmful substance entering with the oil, and an astringent to close the pores after their meal.

This is how it is done:—

MONDAY.—At bedtime massage a little gland cream into the roots of the hair. Leave on all night.

TUESDAY.—Wash hair with antacid shampoo mentioned in my

last hair article.

WEDNESDAY.—Smooth into scalp a small amount of conditioning cream, also described in that article. Rinse out with warm water.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.—You can have these days off.

SATURDAY.—Gently apply to the scalp a preparation which has the necessary nourishing, antiseptic and astringent properties.

On the following Monday week begin the treatment again. Two such treatments are usually enough, but you might have to continue for a third week.

There's Danger In Measles

Before And After Effects.

It's a good thing that to-day we live in more enlightened times than did our not-too-distant ancestors. Most of the middle aged will remember that when the milder forms of infectious illnesses broke out, the entire family were thrown together in the hope that they would all get it.

This was the case with measles. The sooner all the children had it the sooner would family life return to normal. To-day, measles is a very serious illness. No parents are doing their duty who do not strive their hardest to prevent its spread to other members of the family.

It carries with it the risk of dangerous complications, and permanent damage may be done to the ears or the lungs.

The cause of this illness is unknown, but after an interval of from seven to twenty-one days following infection, it begins suddenly.

Sneezing and congested nose, eyes and throat, together with fever, are the first symptoms. The patient is restless and irritable. Next day the face become puffy, symptoms of a head cold become more severe and coughing begins.

As a rule, the rash does not appear until about the fourth day, when spots can be seen on the forehead near the hair. These soon spread to the face, body, and then, to the limbs. The rash consists of deep red blotches, which soon fade to a brownish colour.

In most cases of uncomplicated measles, the symptoms have gone in ten days. The child is no longer capable of passing the illness on to others in two weeks of the appearance of the rash.

As, however, measles may take some time to develop, children who have been in contact with a case are not considered out of danger until three weeks have elapsed. Measles are most infectious during the early stages.

The sickroom should be well ventilated but if up-country kept warm. A good fire should be kept going in winter, so that an even temperature of about 63 degrees Fahrenheit is maintained. The chest should be protected with flannel, and the eyes screened from the light.

Weak boracic lotion makes a good solution for bathing the eyes, which are always inflamed and painful. A steam kettle filled with boiling water, to which a teaspoonful of Friars Balsam has been added to each pint of water, makes breathing easier.

Irritation is often troublesome, and may be treated by sponging with warm boracic lotion or by applying oil.

The bowels must have attention and the diet, while fever lasts, should consist mainly of milk and fruit juices. Don't be in a hurry to let the patient get up. He should be kept in bed for at least a week after the temperature has come down to normal. If everything has gone satisfactorily, he may be safely allowed out of doors a fortnight later.

Quite often the cough comes back again and bronchitis may develop.

When nursing a case of measles at home, take the greatest precautions to prevent it spreading through the house. Whoever is acting as nurse should wear an overall whilst in the sickroom, hang a sheet kept damp with carbolic lotion over the door outside, and should always wash her hands in antiseptic solution before leaving the sick room.

If there are other children about the house they should be immediately isolated if they show any signs of a cold in the head or any fever.



The gay young blade says tripping the light fantastic toe with Miss 1940 calls for shorter steps.

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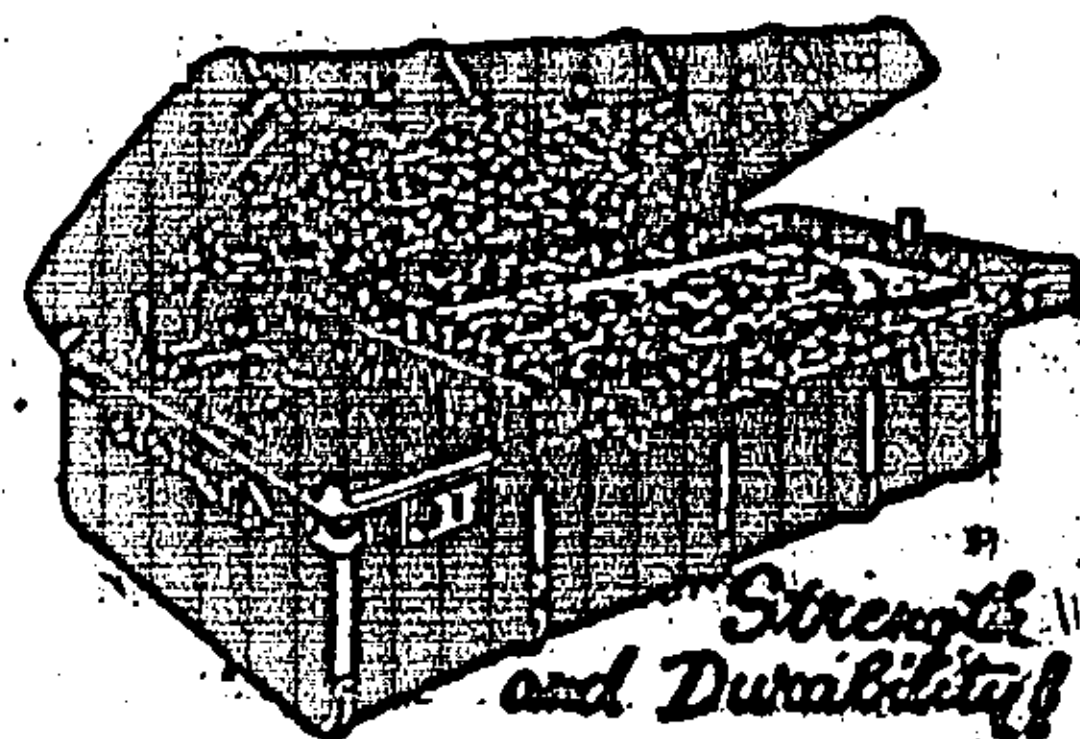
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Picnic Fare

If you are planning a picnic party to one of Hong Kong's delightful coast spots or elsewhere plan the food you will take well in advance and let it contain some surprises as well as the old favourites like patties and sandwiches. Study these excellent recipes.

Cream Cheese And Cucumber Canapes

½ cucumber
2 oz. cream cheese
Chopped parsley
Grated nutmeg
Water biscuits or rounds of toast.

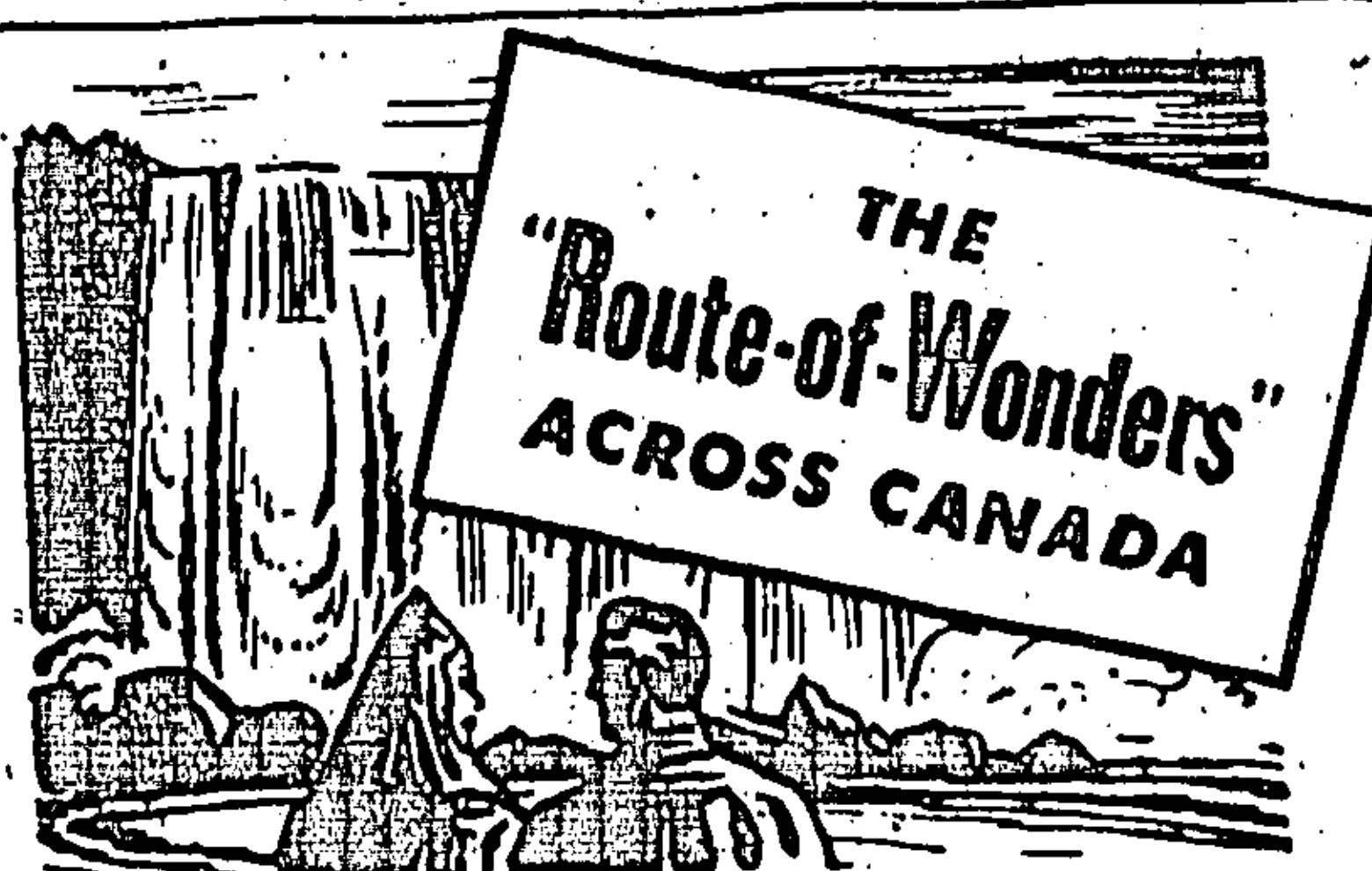
Peel the cucumber and slice in rings ¼ in. thick. Sprinkle well with salt and let the moisture drain off. Spread the biscuits with cream cheese, lay a ring of cucumber in the centre and top with more cream cheese. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and grated nutmeg and cover with another biscuit. Pack in greaseproof paper or in a cardboard box, and keep as cool as possible.

Stuffed Tomatoes

4 even-sized tomatoes
Seasoning: Lettuce leaves
Fillings: Macedoine of vegetables and Mayonnaise
Diced vegetables in aspic
Potato salad and chopped spring onions
Chopped hard-boiled egg and mayonnaise
Flaked fish and white sauce
Wipe the tomatoes and cut off a small lid from the top. Using the handle of a teaspoon, scoop out the insides of the tomatoes and turn them upside down to drain well. Prepare the filling and season well. Pack the tomatoes with the mixture and cover with lid. Wrap each tomato in a lettuce leaf, and pack in a box so that the tomatoes are standing upright.

Fruit Or Savoury Turnovers

6 oz. short pastry
Fillings: Stewed apples
Chopped hard-boiled eggs in white sauce
Salmon or smoked haddock
Mince meat
Roll out the pastry thinly and cut into rounds the size of a saucer. Moisten the edge of the pastry and put in one tablespoon of any of these fillings. Sweeten the apples or season well the savoury fillings. The eggs should be sliced and folded into white sauce. Fold the pastry over and seal.
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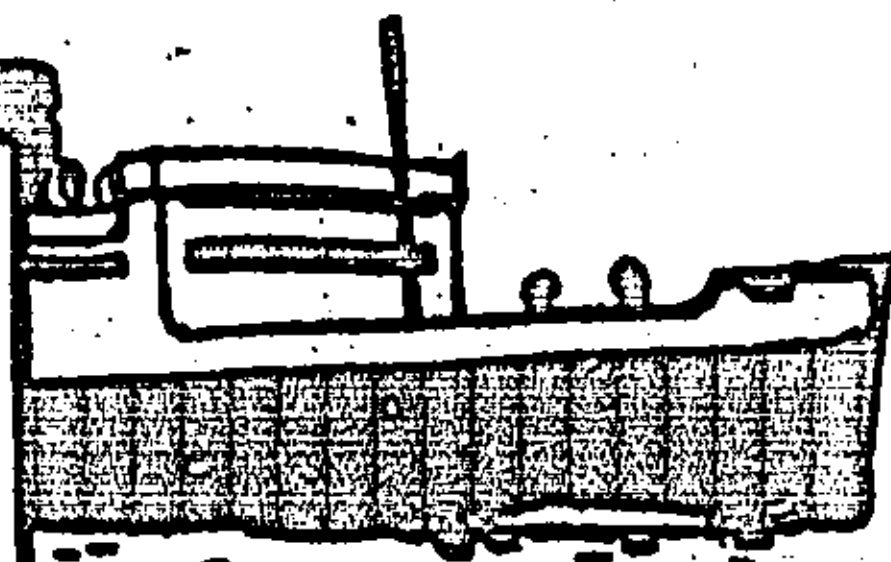
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Light French Programme.

1.03 p.m.—Patricia Roseborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

1.12 p.m.—Eddie Carroll & His Music.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Variety Programme.—The Singing Pearly Kings, Maurice, Chevalier, Carson Robinson & His Pioneers, Mary Healy, Debroy Somers Band with the Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan, Dave Willis.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance".

8.03 p.m.—Dance Music.

8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 "Moonlight". Egon Petri (Piano).

9.44 p.m.—Songs of Schubert sung by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

9.58 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Op. 125 "Choral".

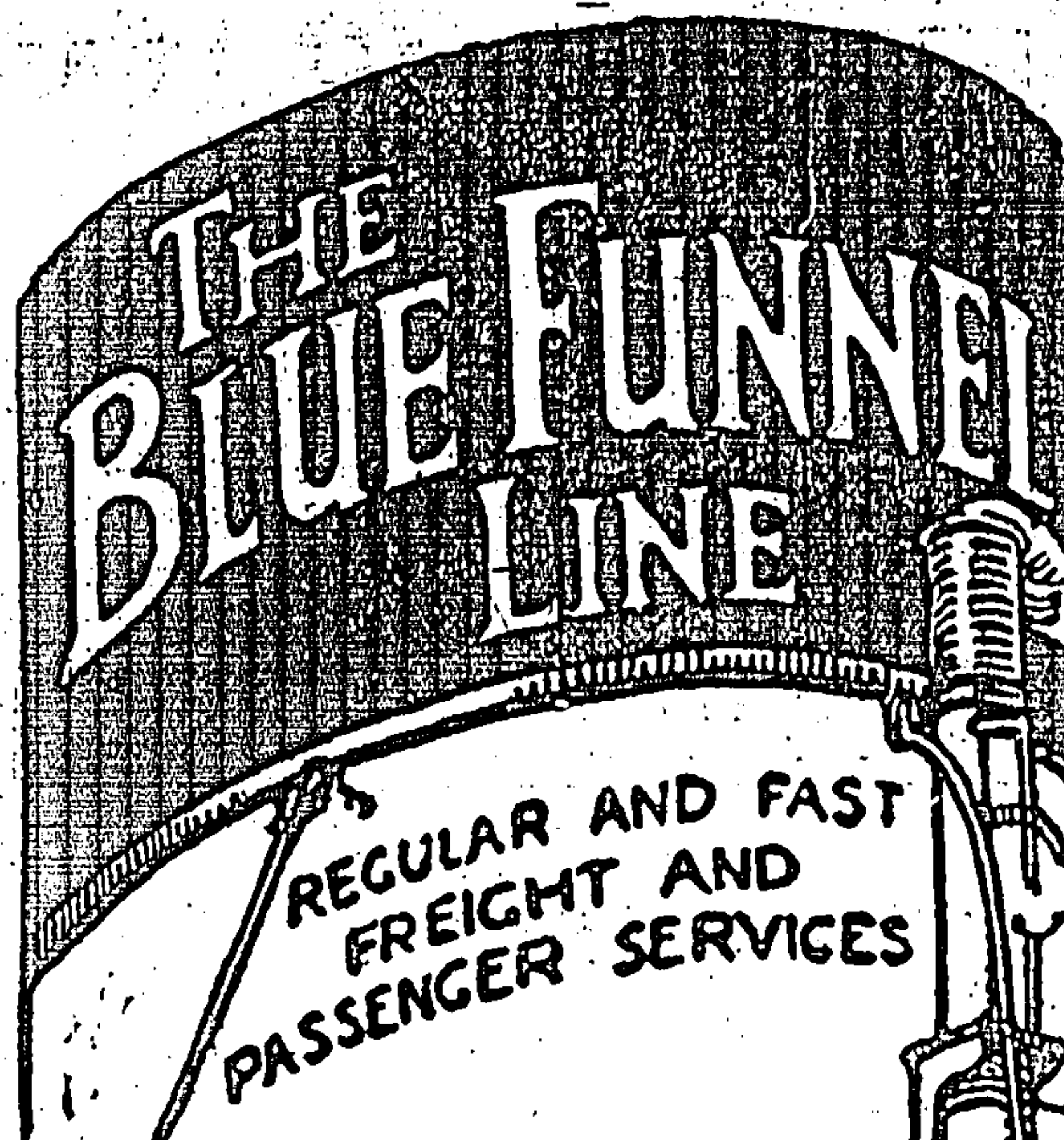
1st Mov: Allegro ma non troppo un poco maestoso.

2nd Mov: Molto vivace—Presto—Molto vivace—Coda Presto.

3rd Mov: Adagio molto e cantabile—Andante moderato—Adagio—Lo stesso tempo.

Finale: Presto—Allegro ma non troppo—Allegro assai—Presto—Allegro assai—Allegro assai vivace (Alla Marcia)—Andante maestoso—Adagio ma non troppo, ma divoto—Allegro energico, sempre ben marcato—Allegro ma non tanto—Prestissimo—Felix Weingartner & Vienna Philharmonic Orch.

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U. S. PLAN TO LEAD IN THE AIR

A PROGRAMME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AIR ARMAMENT FACTORIES AT A RATE FAR EXCEEDING EVEN THAT OF GERMANY, THE WORLD'S LEADING AIR POWER, APPARENTLY IS IN THE MAKING IN OFFICIAL WASHINGTON.

That was the deduction drawn in American aircraft circles from a statement by the Information Director for the National Advisory Defence Commission that the Nation's 'plane output would be up to 36,000 a year by December, 1941.

Production of that proportion would telescope into one year what Germany accomplished in four years of intensive effort.

The most optimistic estimate of the Nation's ability to boost its aeroplane output—from industrial and not administration sources—up to now was a figure of 36,000 'planes a year in annual production by the spring of 1944. Here is some data to bring the problem into focus:

Industry sources estimate it would require a plant investment of \$390,000,000 for aeroplanes, propellers and engines to produce 36,000 'planes a year.

The annual output at that rate would be worth \$2,670,000,000. That would be \$370,000,000 more than the wholesale value of all the automobiles and trucks produced in the United States and Canada in 1939.

As against 100,000 persons employed in all phases of aircraft production to-day, more than 500,000 would be necessary to turn

out 36,000 'planes a year.

Current production of aeroplanes, including several thousand of no military value, is estimated by industry sources at a yearly rate of 9,600 units compared with 10,000 announced by the Defence Commission. The 6,724 'planes of all types which the Commission reported to President Roosevelt as having been contracted for apparently includes, on the industry's figures, more than 3,000 ordered prior to last June.

The biggest stickler in estimates of the Nation's ability to step up its production lies in the slowness with which engine plants can be built and equipped with tools.

Present 'planes, it has been estimated, will reach an annual production of 16,000 military-type engines by March, 1941, and the first engine from the new Wright plant at Lockland, Ohio, is not scheduled to come off the production line until next summer.

If its rated capacity of 12,000 engines a year is reached by December, 1941, the country's entire military engine production will be little more than 30,000 a year. At an estimate of 1.5 engines to a 'plane—counting multiengine machines—that would equip only 20,000 'planes.

The 36,000 'planes a year prediction by the Defence Commission spokesman implies an engine production of 54,000 engines, or the construction of two more plants of a size and capacity equal to the one now projected in the Cincinnati area.

APPEAL FOR "FORTRESSES"

In urging specific aid to Britain without further delay, William Allen White appealed in strong terms for members of his national Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, to press President Roosevelt to dispatch 25 four-motored "flying fortresses," as many combat 'planes as possible, and 20 torpedo boats immediately.

As the Committee's chairman, the "Emporia (Kan.) Gazette" publisher made his appeal through the 662 branches throughout the country, describing the specified war materials as just as valuable, if not more so, than the 50 destroyers which were recently exchanged for naval-base sites.

"Planes and torpedo boats may be the only things we can now send to Britain in time to be of major help in resisting destruction from air and invasion by sea," explained Mr. White, in outlining the required equipment.

Need More Urgent Now

"There is reason to believe that such material can be sent without hurt to our national defence, particularly as every month the struggle is kept going abroad means the more time we have to prepare the facilities to defend ourselves and the things we believe in," he said.

The part taken by the White Committee in arousing American opinion to the British need for 50 overage destroyers is well known, and it is estimated that two and one half million people in response to its appeals signed petitions for the dispatch of the destroyers, sent telegrams to Washington and otherwise lent their support.

The need for torpedo boats and the most powerful land bombers ranked high in the list of British requirements for successful defence urged by the Committee on Sept. 4. But since that time the German onslaught upon London and the apparent imminence of invasion have increased the urgency of their dispatch. It is not possible, however, to discuss developments that may take place in Washington. The inference may be drawn from Mr. White's appeal, that the weight of public opinion in any possible negotiations on these subjects may prove decisive, according to John Balderston, the Committee's Washington representative.

Mr. White's appeal makes no recommendation as to the number of combat 'planes which can be spared from our establishment, "assuming," as Mr. White carefully points out, "as there is reason to believe, that such material can be sent without hurt to our national defence."

The request for 20 torpedo boats long stood next in urgency to the destroyers, on the list of British needs, but may now perhaps take second place to the flying fortresses, the appeal for which is the most striking feature of the new White Committee campaign.

Have Long Range

Exact performance details regarding these ships are still a military secret. They have a longer range and can carry a heavier weight of bombs than any other land 'planes in existence. With four engines, they require a crew of five to seven men and have a maximum speed of roughly 200.

The United States Army now possesses, it is understood, about 53 of these flying fortresses.

TRADE UNION'S PLAY PAYS

After having run since November 27, 1937, the revue "Pins and Needles" has closed its career on the New York stage, and yielded handsome profits to the International Ladies' Garment Workers Trade Union.

The revue struck a new note in trade union drama, for it relied on broad comedy and the unmerciful "guying" of American institutions and personalities, with a freedom which would be impossible in Britain.

Including a road show, the revue totalled 1,424 performances, and earned gross receipts equal to £202,718. Another road tour is being organised for the autumn. Most of the "talent" was drawn from the ranks of the union.

FATAL STRUGGLE FOR GUN

A struggle for a Home Guard's revolver after his wife had threatened to commit suicide at their home resulted in the death from a gunshot wound of Harold Hugh Lionel Harrison, aged 48, Clerk to the Canvey Island Urban District Council.

This was disclosed at the adjourned inquest at Southend. The verdict was death from misadventure.

Det.-Insp. Dring said Mrs. Harrison made a statement in which she said: "I was messing about with a firearm and threatened to commit suicide and it went off. I did not intend to harm him. What shall I do without him? He is all I have got, and I am so fond of him."

"I pointed the gun at myself, and he tried to take it away. After I found he was shot I wanted to turn it on myself, but he told me not to. What with being alone in the house night after night with the raids, I thought I should go mad lately."

NEW FOOD CORPS FOR BRITAIN

Steps are being taken to provide Britain with a Food Production Corps, states the Ministry of Agriculture.

Towns as widely separated as Liverpool, Oxford, and Reigate are organising their own corps as part of the Ministry's "dig for victory" campaign, and the idea is being discussed by allotment holders' associations in other parts of the country.

The formation of a corps in every municipal area in Lancashire and Cheshire will be proposed at a joint conference of local authorities next month. It is planned to arrange help for the cultivation of gardens at the homes of absent members of the Forces.

Members of the Reigate Corps will wear badges when on duty, and their job will be to stimulate the allotments movement among beginners and visit houses with the object of getting more garden space devoted to vegetables.

In Liverpool a special appeal is being made to housewives to dig for victory.

Members of the Oxford corps are to wear armlets.

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WEAKENED 'VARSITY' TEAM LOSE BY ONLY GOAL OF GAME

ARMY SOCCER TRIAL SERVES NO PURPOSE

Only 9 Of Original 22 On View

AT SOOKUNPOO yesterday University did well to lose by an only goal, scored by Homburg in the second half, to Royal Engineers in a friendly hockey game.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament starts on Sunday next when seven games will be played. The home team is responsible for getting in touch with Mr. Hussain, Hon. Secretary of the Umpires' Committee, for the appointment of referees, and the first-named team will be responsible for arranging the ground. All games will be played at 10.30 a.m. Club secretaries must get in touch with Mr. D. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Association, when arrangements have been made. The A. N. Other team is composed of players from "Y" and Hong Kong Hockey Club.

Following is Sunday's Programme:—

Police "A"	v	A. N. Other XI
Engineers	v	5th A.A., R.A. "A"
Nomads	v	Khalsa
University	v	2nd M.T.B.
5th A.A., R.A. "B"	v	Police "B"
Signals	v	Recreio
C.B.A.	v	Kumaons

RUGBY PLAYER DECORATED

Private P. K. Mayhew, who has been awarded the Military Medal, will be remembered for two great tries he scored in the Varsity Rugby match of 1937. L. V. Manning wrote at the time: "Mayhew made two sensational 50-yard scoring dribbles of which Ted Drake would have been proud."

Two members of that side, Oholensky and Paul Cooke, have lost their lives on active service. H. D. Freckes, who was the big success of the game, is a flying officer, and R. M. Marshall is in the Navy. Mayhew's brother, J. F. N., a cricket Blue of 1930, is a pilot-officer.

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University were without several of their better players, but played well on the whole, Hukam Singh, in the pivotal position, being outstanding, while Leow and Chin were also prominent. Engineers were faster on the ball and did most of the attacking. Homburg, Denyer, Shaw and Croston performed creditably. University:—Sen Gupta, Leow, and N. A. Lou; T. T. Chin, Hukam Singh and Syd Mahmood; Chellidh, S. Vangar, Lingam, S. S. Khor and Hans Raj. Royal Engineers:—Dobson, Goodwin and Taylor; Bawley, Croston and Hall; Singleton, Denyer, Homburg, Shaw and Twomey.

CLUB 1ST XV CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Club have made several changes in their team to meet Police at the Valley on Saturday. D. I. Bosanquet, who is nursing an injured knee, is being given a rest and Carruthers has been brought in on the wing in his place. Day and Aithenhead are switching places and Day will now partner Stewart. With "Jock" Dunnett and R. G. Castleton, who is on the injured list, unavailable McCrae will be hooking, and his place in the front row is being taken by Hackett, whose place in the back row is being filled by Davies, who has deserved this trial with the first fifteen. The team is as follows: F. M. Thompson; M. G. Carruthers, G. C. Aitkenhead, D. G. Day and D. H. Stewart; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; E. W. R. Hackett, I. M. McCrae, R. E. Heasman; R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; G. G. Davies, A. J. G. Taylor and A. M. Kennedy.

A Rifle meeting under the auspices of Hong Kong Rifle Association and arranged by Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will be held on the Kowloon City Ranges on Sunday morning, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

BAHRAM SOLD FOR £40,000

BAHRAM, MOST famous racehorse in the world and the only Triple Crown winner alive, has been sold by the Aga Khan to a well-known American, and will leave Ireland shortly.

The price paid is around £40,000. This figure compares with the £100,000 which the Aga Khan refused for the colt after he had completed his triple crown of classic triumphs by winning the St. Leger in 1935.

The famous Irish trainer and breeder, Senator J. J. Parkinson, made the purchase on behalf of the American sportsman, who is interested in breeding.

Thus Bahram, who leaves the Sheshoon Stud, Eire, follows another of the Aga Khan's Derby winners, Blenheim, who went to America some years ago for a sum reported to be £50,000.

Sale Confirmed

The news was confirmed by a member of Senator Parkinson's household in the absence of the Senator, who was away from home on business connected with the matter.

Bahram's departure is one more move in what American thoroughbred interests claim will be the capture by them of racehorse breeding pre-eminence held for



ARTILLERY HAVE FINE FIFTEEN

ROYAL ARTILLERY, AS EXPECTED, PROVED TOO GOOD FOR CLUB "A" IN YESTERDAY'S RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY, WINNING BY THREE GOALS AND A TRY (18PTS.) TO NIL AFTER A 5-0 INTERVAL LEAD.

The Gunner backs played well together and tackled with grim determination, while their forwards gave a good display, packing solidly and combining very promisingly in the loose.

Artillery have a very useful team and their fixtures will be watched with interest.

Club backs were not given many opportunities due to the slowness of Clemo getting the ball back or his aptitude to kick to touch. When he changed with Jimmie Thomson and went to fly-half in the second period he was invariably tackled in possession. Morgan took Thomson's place in the pack, but is undoubtedly a better back than forward. Gairdner, and Kennedy were the outstanding forwards.

Gunners opened the scoring through Giblin after a good movement by Richards and Page, and Marsh converted with a good kick. In the second half Evens punted ahead and took the ball out of Needham's hands to go over for the second try, and Marsh again did well to convert. Hook then broke away and sent Richards over between the posts for Keeble to convert. A forward movement resulted in Whitehead completing the scoring, Clague failing with the kick.

R.A.:—2/Lt. Clague, L/Bdr. Richards, Gnr. Giblin, Gnr. Keeble and Sgt. Marsh; Capt. Hook and Gnr. Dobbinson; L/Bdr. McDermott, 2/Lt. Deldaheld, Gunner Mullen; Gnr. Evens, L/Bdr. Whitehead; 2/Lt. Heath; 2/Lt. Eddison and Sgt. Page. Club "A":—H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, M. G. Carruthers and D. G. Day; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo; A. M. Kennedy, W. Stoker, J. Moodie; R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, A. G. Dalziel and G. B. Godfrey.

Naysmith And Lawton Deserve Second Trial

(By "Referee")

THE ARMY SOCCER TRIAL at Sookunpoo yesterday served no useful purpose as, owing to the late finishing of military exercises, the majority of the players chosen did not turn up, with the result that many players had to be brought in at the last moment from junior teams.

WYRE AND SADLER IN GREAT FORM

Despite a fine bowling performance by Sgt. Wyre (7 for 46), who had 7 for 23 at one period, Royal Army Medical Corps lost by 37 runs to Royal Army Service Corps yesterday at Sookunpoo.

L/Cpl. Logan's 45 for R.A.S.C. were scored out of 97 for 9 and included five boundaries, while Webb had four boundaries in his 27, scored out of 40.

Sadler (5 for 19) had at one time taken 5 for 12, while Dewar took his last three wickets without conceding a run.

R.A.S.C.				
L/Sgt. French, l.b.w., b Wyre	15			
L/Cpl. Logan, b Wyre	45			
Capt. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Wyre	0			
S/Sgt. Sadler, b Bright	7			
M.S.S. Jones, c Bright, b Wyre	16			
Capt. Dewar, c Swyer, b Wyre	7			
Sgt. Jones, b Wyre	0			
Dvr. Brown, b Bright	0			
Cpl. Gunstone, b Bright	0			
Cpl. Glen, not out	7			
Cpl. Lucas, b Wyre	0			
Extras (B3, LB4)	7			
Total	103			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	10.1	0	46	7
Bright	10	1	50	3
R.A.M.C.				
Sgt. Webb, b Dewar	27			
Major Swyer, b Sadler	4			
Cpl. Mussen, b Sadler	0			
Pte. Ross, l.b.w., b Sadler	0			
Pte. Bright, run out	2			
Sgt. Wyre, c Sadler, b Dewar	9			
Pte. Don, b Sadler	0			
Pte. Harrison, b Sadler	12			
Pte. Entwistle, b Dewar	1			
Pte. Workman, b Dewar	0			
Ptd. Butler, not out	0			
Extras (B10, W1)	11			
Total	60			

WEBB SCORES WINNING GOAL

Royal Army Medical Corps beat Combined Ordnance and Pay Corps by a goal scored by Webb in the second half in the Army Small Units Hockey League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Combined Corps had most of the game, particularly in the second half, but their forwards could not find a scoring chance against the stout tackling of Platt and Muxley. Lawrence played a good game at right-half.

Ryan was a dangerous forward for the losers, while in the defence Jack played well.

Combined Ordnance and Pay Corps:—Oakley; Reid and Luckhurst; Adams, Jack and Saunders; Merrick, Stone, Ryan, Manning and Smith. (Medicals)—Buchanan; Platt and Muxley; Lawrence, Watt and Shorthouse; Buckley, Falconer, Webb, Newton and Cross.

Birrell, Hossack, Duffield, Martin, Naysmith, Lawson, Falconer, Young and Lee Wai-lum were the only players originally chosen to make an appearance, and these were outstanding in a game that would not have done credit to two Third Division teams.

Lee Wai-lum, on the right-wing for Whites, showed a good turn of speed and centred well but he spoiled many movements by holding on to the ball too long. He did not have a good inside forward, however, with the result that he seldom received good passes and when he did he had no confidence in his support.

Shooting Below Standard

Duffield, on the left-wing for Whites, played a fairly good game. He had the opposing half continually beaten and sent over many good centres. His shooting, however, was not up to standard.

Pelham, playing in an unaccustomed position for Whites at right-half, did not give of his best. He generally plays at full-back for Engineers.

Naysmith and Lawton were safe backs for Whites, and both should merit another trial. Goals were scored by Hole, Martin (2), and Clarke (2) for Reds, and by Hossack and Lee Wai-lum for Whites.

A second trial will be held on Wednesday, and Army's eleven for the Poppy Day Charity game will be announced following this game.

Reds:—Cullenby; Marshall and Hanley; Parnaby, Birrell and Falconer; Allen, Morgan, Hole, Clarke and Martin.

Whites:—Mackley; Naysmith and Lawton; Howarth, Taylor, and Palmer; Lee Wai-lum; Young, Hossack, Brown and Duffield.

SIGNALS IN SOCCER DRAW OF 2-2

Fielding a number of Army players, who have joined their team, International were held to a draw by Signals in a friendly football game at Happy Valley yesterday when each side scored twice.

Signals took the lead early in the game, through Spendelow, the right-winger, and before the interval Shepherd added a second goal with a good shot.

In the second half International played better and Hughes, in Signals' goal, saved several good shots. Body reduced the lead for International midway through this period and Illey equalised shortly after.

Signals:—Hughes; Topliff and Allen; Butler, Johnson and Cartwright; Spendelow, Sprout, Illey, McCann and Shepherd. International:—Sammy Tsang; Fernado and Delgado; Tavares, Body and Lalang; Heath, Rocha, Illey, Dignan and A. Leonard.

FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

FIRST DIVISION		THIRD DIVISION	
Club v Police:—Odell; Strange and Barclay; Skinner, Forrow and Strahgo; Fowler, Scott, Hopkinson, Bickford and Reisten.		International:—S. Bux; V. M. Maraca and D'Aquino; W. Wilkinson, A. Leonard and J. Tavares; H. Campos, R. Rebella, F. W. Illey, A. A. Rum-John and W. Springle (Capt.).	
SECOND DIVISION		Reserve	
Club:—Marvin; Coleman and Sloan; Macfarlane, Gratton and Parris; Dodd, A. Odell, Kennard, Lodge, Morrison and Gnr.		Reserve:—A. Rocha, R. Castillo, W. Aycock and A. Murto.	



FIREWORKS FROM HARDSTAFF

Last month the Trent Bridge cricket fans had a day to store in their memories, writes a Home correspondent. They saw 543 runs scored in 132 minutes six hours' batting. Joe Hardstaff, playing for an R.A.F. eleven, smash his county colleague's bowling all over the field... a two-run-a-minute, thrill-a-second finish, and discovered a new star who may prove to be another Gunn or Hardstaff of a future Notts team.

R. T. Simpson, a high school boy who joined the police instead of accepting an invitation to join the ground staff, was the new hero. Sent in to open the Notts innings in his first county game with Test star Keeton he defied the Air Force bowling (which included Butler, Harris, and Warburton), carrying his bat for 134. With the county captain, G. F. Heane, he helped to add 213 for the second wicket.

When Heane left after making 108, 84 runs were needed with only an hour left. When the winning hit was made 20 minutes still remained for play so Notts carried on batting.

Hardstaff's Knock

Previously, Acting-Sergeant-Major Hardstaff had played one of his most attractive innings.

I don't suppose the crowd enjoyed themselves more than did Joe in nearly getting a double century against his own club.

He treated all his pals impartially, but singled out Major Gubby Allen, a Notts player for the day, for the indignity of being hit for 6. After getting his 100 he scored the next 50 in 20 minutes.

Incidentally, Keeton, England's No. 1 bat, revealed unexpected qualities as a bowler. He took three wickets, including Tom Barling's.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Weighted Putter

By BEST BALL

They still pay off on the putt in golf. Lawson Little, former Open champion, is now more firmly convinced of this than ever. Prior to the Los Angeles Open, Little reviewed his game and decided that something drastic would have to be done if he was to achieve the same fame in professional ranks that he enjoyed as Amateur Champion. The big trouble lay in putting so Lawson weighted the back of his putter with 2½ ounces of lead.

The change in his putting stroke and accuracy was sensational. Instead of snapping the putter head against the ball, he began to stroke through it straight toward the hole. The balls dropped into the tin with enough regularity to enable him to win the Los Angeles Open. Ditto the National Open, the greatest prize in golfdom. And Little has been scoring well ever since.

CRICKET POSER

(See column four.)

Numbers 1 and 2 opened the innings but 2 was injured and retired hurt. Then Number 3 joined Number 1.

Number 1 was then bowled. 2 resumed his innings, was bowled first ball, and so was 4.

V.C. BOXER WON THE ARMY TITLE IN 1938

AMONG THOSE THRILLED TO READ THE EPIC STORY OF HARRY NICHOLLS, V.C., WERE HIS OLD BOXING OPPONENTS ARTHUR PORTER AND GEORGE PRESTON.

These two heavy-weights both won A.B.A. titles, and it is a tribute to the boxing skill of Nicholls that he was never outclassed in his several battles with either champion.

Nicholls lost to Porter in the Army championships of 1937, but won his colours shortly afterwards at Maidstone, where he outpointed George Scott, of the Nottingham Police.

A month later he boxed for the Army against the Sparta Club of Copenhagen and gave weight, height, and a beating to Fritz Gramstrup, the Danish international.

I. S. Champion

Nicholls upset several fancied candidates to win the Army title

in 1938, and in the same year won the Imperial Services championship by outpointing the holder, Corporal J. S. Weaterton, in a memorable final.

Another of his rivals, Metropolitan policeman L. L. Stevenson, recently recalled a hard-hitting tussle he had with Nicholls at Aldershot in 1938.

Stevenson won when the fight was stopped in the fifth round owing to the soldier's eye being cut, and it was a series of similar injuries which kept Nicholls out of the ring during the 1939 season.

It will be recalled that Cpl. Harry Nicholls of the Guards was previously reported as killed in action. However, it has since been officially announced that he was captured prisoner after being severely wounded in the action which gained him the V.C.

DO YOU KNOW?

Frank Chester, the well-known umpire, sets this cricket problem, which, he says, actually occurred.

A bowler did the hat-trick in one over by clean bowling batsmen 1, 2, and 4 with successive deliveries. How was it that Number 2 was among the victims?

Answer in Column One but think it out before looking.

POLO RESULTS

Baskets (Bompas, Chattey, Wilson and Atkinson) drew 5-all with Evergreens (Peters, Way, Forrester and Duncan) yesterday in the Navy Cup Polo Tournament. Peters (2), Chattey, Forrester (2) and Wilson (2) scored.

Cissies (Lawder, Penfold, Chattey and Yeatman) beat Dolittles (Smith, Fisher, Fielden and Guest) 10-2. Lawder (4), Penfold (2), Chattey (4), Fielden and Fisher scored.

Hunters Moon IV (Gordon Richards up), at 100-8, won the Cesarewitch yesterday. Sir Pomm, 33-1, was second and King Legend, 100-8, third. Fourteen ran and the race was won by a neck and 2 lengths.—Reuter.

RIDING ACCIDENT AT VALL

By "Rapier"

An accident, which fortunately developed into nothing of a serious nature, occurred to the Chinese riding boy from the Dynasty stable this morning.

The boy was taking out pony No. K79, a new Australian subscription pony for the 1941 season belonging to Mr. Widdicombe, for its morning exercise, and on reaching the main gate the pony threw the boy heavily, his head striking the sand track. He was carried back to the Paddock in an unconscious condition, but was soon little the worse for his experience.

In view of the above case, I put forward the suggestion, in the interest of jockeys, trainers, and riding boys, that an ambulance be stationed daily near the Hong Kong Football Club.



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GREECE READY FOR ANY ORDEAL

Greece will bear the ordeals that lie before it with patience and dignity, and with God's help they would add a new page to their history, declared the Greek Minister, M. Simopoulos, speaking at a luncheon in London yesterday.

M. Simopoulos said: "The time has come when we must fight for our independence and our life."

"We know what these ideals are because they are the ideals for which Greece has fought throughout the centuries, and we will be proud in fighting side by side with the British Empire for the ultimate victory."

M. Simopoulos added that Greece has been a victim of a dastardly attack and premeditated aggression without any provocation whatsoever, and the attempt to find an excuse rendered the aggression the more disgraceful. —Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET

The London Stock Exchange was generally quiet yesterday and business was limited. Gilt-edged securities were fractionally higher and certain Industrials were supported while sinking fund purchases sided Brazilian.

Heavy Guns In Action Near Lake Prespa

BUSES LOADED TO CAPACITY WITH SOLDIERS ON THEIR WAY TO THE FRONT, CROWDS WAITING ALL DAY OUTSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER THE KING OR GENERAL METAXAS — THESE ARE TYPICAL SCENES IN THE GREEK CAPITAL TODAY, ACCORDING TO A REUTER'S MESSAGE FROM ATHENS YESTERDAY.

The population has accepted the strict black-out regulations cheerfully in spite of the fact that on Tuesday night the authorities took a drastic step by cutting off all electric current except that required by essential services.

The complete mobilisation of Greece is rendered difficult for geographic reasons, but the staff work done under General Metaxas's guidance before the hostilities began is bearing fruit, and the plans are being carried out smoothly.

It is recalled that General Metaxas was one of the most brilliant cadets passed out by a German military school where he distinguished himself in strategy.

Military development on the Albanian-Greek frontier are progressing very slowly, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent, who adds that there was no evidence yet of blitzkrieg tactics. Greek resistance is being well

maintained.

It may be that Italy is hoping that Greece will give way to moral pressure backed by a military threat.

The fact that the German Minister has remained in Athens would seem to confirm that the partners are still hoping to win a cheap victory.

But the Greek reaction has hitherto been exceptionally strong and wholesome and backed by the might of Britain, Greece will give the Italians plenty of trouble.

Railways Suspended

Observers on the Yugoslav-Greek frontier state that the fields on the Greek side are deserted as a result of the departure of all able-bodied men to join their units, all of whom, it is added, depart with a song on their lips.

All railway traffic across the frontier has been suspended, pending the mobilisation.

In the meantime, the large Greek colony in Yugoslavia is anxiously awaiting the re-opening of the frontier in order that they may join the colours.

Cannonading Audible

Reuter's Belgrade correspondent says that cannonading was heard plainly yesterday near Lake Prespa, at the junction of the Greek, Albanian and Yugoslav frontiers.

Heavy Italian troop concentrations are reported at Vorca.

The attack is believed to be directed towards Florina, but the mountains and the bad weather are unfavourable for military operations. — Reuter.

VICEROY'S FUND

THE VICEROY OF INDIA'S WAR PURPOSES FUND—WHICH IS RAISED ENTIRELY FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NOW TOTALS OVER £1,500,000.

This includes £400,000 earmarked to buy aeroplanes for Britain and £105,000 to purchase motor ambulances for Britain.

The latest contributions include £1,500 from the State of Sikkim, while the total of monetary gifts from Madras is now around £375,000. — Reuter.

AIR RAID ALARM IN ATHENS

An air raid alarm was sounded in Athens yesterday which lasted for half an hour, from 4.20 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. No gunfire was heard and no Italian planes appeared in the immediate vicinity of the Greek capital. — Reuter.

When the air-raid warning was sounded in Athens yesterday, the public reached shelter quicker than on the occasion of former alarms, having been impressed by the casualties at Patras, which were largely caused by sight-seers remaining in the streets.

It is now learned authoritatively that 100 were killed and 280 wounded at Patras. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

In a sudden counter-thrust, supported from the air, the Greeks are reported to have captured several Italian frontier posts inside Albania, flinging the Italian troops back.

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HITLER'S RUSH VISIT TO FLORENCE EXPLAINED

(Continued from Page 1)
Hence the discussion of the detailed execution of the Franco-German collaboration agreement may proceed less smoothly than was at first expected. — Reuter.

Italy Successful?

Italy's anxiety over the arrangement Hitler has been trying to make with the Vichy Government is clearly reflected in a Berlin dispatch to Stefani, the official Italian news agency yesterday.

The message suggests that the Italians have successfully objected to any Franco/German settlement which would deprive Italy of the fruits of victory in exchange for French aid against Britain.

Quoting authoritative German quarters, the message says that in the Hitler talks with Laval and Petain, "not only was no formal agreement reached but no special problem was even discussed."

Must Pay In Full

The talks, it adds, were solely concerned with the general plan of the part which France wishes to play in the new European Order following the Axis victory.

The dispatch concludes: "The new European dispensation cannot fail to take account of the fact that it was France which desired, provoked and lost the war, and that for this she must pay in full." — Reuter.

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FRENCH DENY SELL-OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The French Embassy in Shanghai has issued the following statement:—

"In view of the daily publication in the local press of news items showing current Franco/German negotiations in a tendentious light, the French Embassy in China reiterates the denials formerly issued by authoritative sources in this connection.

"All rumours pertaining to alleged peace preliminaries, transfers of territories, the lending of French strategic bases to Germany or Italy, or any curtailment of French sovereignty and point of French metropolitan or Empire territories, are entirely devoid of any foundation." — Havas.

SHANGHAI AMERICANS ANNOYED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A strong wave of indignation has swept over the American community of Shanghai at the news that the United States Government has flatly refused to grant financial aid to the evacuees.

Bitterly denouncing the Government's declaration, one prominent Shanghai American said that the U.S. Government was bound to give the fullest assistance to the evacuees, since it was a matter of Government policy.

"All this is more unfair since the Government's instructions called for the evacuation of non-essential Americans, while in Shanghai — apart from women and children — these 'non-essential' Americans are those with small jobs or without work at all, and who are unable to leave unless they receive help," he pointed out. — Havas.

THE JAPANESE OIL MONOPOLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai weekly financial journal "Commerce" notes that the Japanese are determined to maintain the ban on foreign oil transport into the occupied regions of Central China, contrary to earlier information asserting that the ban might soon be lifted.

Four months ago, the Japanese prohibited the foreign companies from shipping oil to branch offices up-country, the measure being taken "owing to military necessities." — Havas.

GREAT GALE RAGING OFF DALMATIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports reaching Belgrade state that a terrific storm is at present raging in Western Dalmatia and navigation in the Gulf of Cattaro has been completely paralysed.

Roofs of cottages in several fishing villages in Southern Dalmatia have been torn off by the wind. — Havas.

HITLER'S NEW QUEST

TO AVOID DEFEAT

Speaking at Wolverhampton yesterday the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, while pointing out the imprudence of thinking Hitler's invasion plan had been definitely abandoned, said that what might have been a possible successful war operation last summer has now become only "the final suicidal fling of a desperate man."

Hitler seemed to realise that a knock-out blow against Britain was unlikely to succeed and he appeared to be hoping to spread poison through the British spirit by wiles and lies.

"It is not so much that Hitler is now seeking an immediate victory as seeking to avoid defeat," Mr. Nicolson said.

Dealing with events on the Mediterranean borders, Mr. Nicolson said the Axis powers were endeavouring by pressure on helpless France and neighbouring small countries to free themselves from one of the major consequences of the blockade.

It would be foolish to pretend that British responsibilities in the Mediterranean and Near East are not heavy or to underestimate the power, skill, equipment and courage of our enemies.

The Empire would, however, stand up to these dangers, even as it had stood up to great dangers in the past. But all must

Greeks In Splendid Fighting Retreat

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE THE GREEKS CLAIM TO HAVE FLUNG THE ITALIANS BACK INTO ALBANIAN TERRITORY ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONT, AND A FIERCE BATTLE IS STILL IN PROGRESS FOR THE STRATEGIC ISLAND OF CORFU, THE LATEST REPORTS FROM THE EASTERN THEATRE OF THE WAR INDICATE THAT THE ITALIANS ARE CONTINUING TO ADVANCE SLOWLY DOWN THE WEST COAST OF GREECE FROM ALBANIA.

They have yet to come into contact with the main Greek defences, the retiring defenders are putting up a brilliant inch-by-inch resistance in order to allow these defences to be properly consolidated before they come to grips with the Fascists.

Although she had some 10 or 12 divisions massed in Albania before she began her campaign against Greece, Italy is said to be rushing further reinforcements in order to start a central push aimed at the important objective of Salonika.

From Athens this morning comes news that in a stunning counter-thrust, Greek forces, supported by light air bombers, are reported to have captured several Italian frontier posts inside Albania after hurling the Fascist invaders back on to their "own" soil.

This surprise blow was delivered yesterday on the irregular north-western front which runs between Florina, near the Yugoslav frontier, and Yanina, the north-west province of Greece near Albania, according to unofficial reports.

The counter-blow appears to have checked at least partially the general Italian advance.

Italians Stiffened

At the same time, from the western flank and elsewhere come reports that increasing Italian forces are approaching the main Greek defence lines, to which major units of the Greek Army, consisting of some 400,000 troops, have been withdrawn.

There was a 20-minute air-raid alarm in Athens last night, but no Italian planes appeared.

On Wednesday, Patras was bombed five times. At least 110 persons were killed and over 300 injured during Monday's bombing of Patras, following which most of the civilian population was evacuated.

Sea Battle Round Corfu

A sea battle between Italian and Greek forces around the important island of Corfu is reported to have been in progress since Tuesday morning.

Italian ships are trying to land troops there, but the Greeks are putting up a fierce resistance which is taking a heavy toll in casualties.

NEUTRAL REPORTS, AS YET NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED,

be alert and on guard against Hitler's wiles. — British Wireless.

HUGE U.S. SPEED-UP FOR BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

American aid to Britain will be greatly accelerated, President Roosevelt disclosed in a speech at Boston yesterday.

This will be in addition to a new order for 12,000 fighting planes, bringing the total sent to Britain to over 26,000 machines.

The President revealed that large additional orders are being negotiated for artillery, machine-guns, rifles and tanks, complete with equipment and ammunition. — INS.

WEATHER FORECAST: — N. E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.



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Marshal Petain's Account Of Meeting With Hitler

Denies Diktat By Fuehrer: "I Am Leader"

MARSHAL PETAIN LAST NIGHT, OVER THE LYONS RADIO, GAVE A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF HIS RECENT MEETING WITH HITLER.

The aged Marshal emphasised that he went to the meeting of his own free will and had entered "the road of collaboration" without pressure.

FINDING JOBS IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Aimed mainly at fighting unemployment, a new bill allows the Vichy Government to grant a total of two billion francs in loans to local administrations throughout France for public works programmes.

These loans are to be repaid within 30 years and bear a maximum interest of 3 per cent.

Another bill connected with unemployment creates a special commissariat which will act in cooperation with various interested Ministries and is intended to organise work for men temporarily deprived of their jobs.

It will have three main tasks:—
Firstly, to undertake a census of the available manual labour;

Secondly, to find jobs of any kind on which the men may be engaged without delay; and

Thirdly, to establish public works projects, taking into consideration the available manual labour and raw materials. — Havas.

CHILE REMEMBERS

The Admiralty have received the following telegram from Santiago de Chile: "Victims of the Concepcion earthquake warmly congratulate the captain, officers and men of Ajax on the great victory in the Mediterranean battle and pay homage to those who fell gloriously in the defence of their country and of civilisation."

Concepcion was one of the Chilean cities severely damaged by the earthquake of January, 1939, when the Chilean Government accepted the offer of the British Government to make use of the British cruisers, Ajax and Exeter, to transport supplies from Valparaiso to the stricken area. — British Wireless.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China has decreased. In intensity and pressure remains highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan; it is relatively low over the Pacific to the east of the Philippines.

The interview, he said, was only possible through the French people's dignity in the face of their ordeal and their enormous efforts towards regeneration.

"France has rallied. This meeting between victor and vanquished signifies the first vindication of our country. I have been under no dictate by Hitler."

"The collaboration of our two countries was considered. I accepted the principles of it. The application will be discussed later."

To Trust

As an admonition to "all who are inclined to deviate from our opinions," and those who doubt and harden their hearts, the Marshal said that the first duty of Frenchmen was to trust.

He proceeded: "In the near future our country's suffering may thus be lightened, our prisoners' lot may be improved, the burden of occupation expenses lessened, the demarcation line may be rendered more flexible and the administering and provisioning of the territory facilitated."

"This collaboration must be sincere and without thought of aggression."

Obligations

"France has numerous obligations to the victor, but she remains sovereign. Ministers are responsible to me alone."

"Previously I have spoken to you as a father. To-day I speak to you as a leader. Follow me!" — Reuter.

AIR RAID WARDENS INJURED

Two Air Raid Wardens were injured last night during the black-out exercise when they were struck by the rear of a car which was flying an A.R.P. flag.

The driver, apparently unaware of the accident, drove on. The wardens were Mr. H. A. Bux and Mr. Ng Ching-chi, who were patrolling in Leighton Hill Road.

At about 9.30 p.m. they were struck by the rear of the car, near No. 35, Leighton Hill Road. Mr. Bux received injuries to the mouth and Mr. Ng had slight cuts on the hand. They were treated by a doctor residing at No. 35 and afterwards resumed duty.

Mr. G. R. Razavet, of the C.P.R., sustained a cut lip and other face injuries at 1.20 a.m. yesterday when, during the black-out exercise, the car in which he was travelling collided with a tram standard near the General Post Office.



General de Gaulle recently paid a visit to a camp in Wales at which are a number of French boys, whose ages range from 15—19. General de Gaulle is shown talking to some of the boys during his inspection. (Copyright, Fox).

French Suffering Under German Occupation

HOW FRANCE has suffered under the German occupation is revealed in a statement issued by the Ministry of Economic Warfare, which says that at least 800,000 tons of wheat have been removed to Germany from occupied France.

Bread is now rationed in France at 87 ounces per week. A large number of fields of wheat were reserved before the harvest for the Germans, swastika signs having been erected around them.

Meat is rationed at 12½ ounces per week in France, but in Germany it is 17 to 20 ounces.

More than 1,000,000 pigs are believed to have been removed from France to Germany during one fortnight in September alone. A thousand cattle were also removed.

The average consumption of butter and oil per head in France before the occupation, was 17 kilos but now it has been reduced to six kilos.

About 80 per cent. of the French sugar-beet crop has been lost owing to the fighting in northern France.

French wines have been requisitioned by the Germans and one French firm alone has delivered 12,000,000 bottles of champagne to Germany.

Transport has largely broken down in France because trucks and locomotives have been taken to Germany and lorry transport is at a standstill owing to shortage of petrol. — Reuter.

BLACKOUT OFFENCES

Six junk women and a steersman were each fined \$5, or five days' imprisonment by Commander J. Jolly, Deputy Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning for exhibiting external lights on their boats during the "black-out" exercise last night.

LAVAL IN TOUCH WITH THE NAZIS

M. Laval is back in Paris from Vichy and will remain there until the end of the week, the Paris Radio announced yesterday.

Presumably he has returned to Paris to continue the negotiations with the Nazis.

Reports from Berlin state that Nazi officials there say that Hitler's talks with M. Laval and Marshal Petain have not resulted in any formal agreement or adjustment, but were concerned with the "fundamental questions of France's future."

The talks, according to these Berlin official circles merely recognised that "France declared war, France lost the war and France must share the cost of the war." — Reuter.

Reuter's Vichy correspondent states that M. Laval is still in Paris and is likely to remain there until the week end, according to the "Petit Parisien." — Reuter.

C.N.A.C. TRAGEDY

Mr. T. B. "Buster" Brown, prominent Manila business man, formerly of Shanghai, is leaving Manila this morning for Hong Kong, where he is to join his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Kent, wife of the C.N.A.C. pilot who was killed when Japanese aircraft shot down his plane near the Yunnan /Kweichow border on Tuesday.

It is learned from the Chungking C.N.A.C. office that the planes shot down was the same Douglas, which was shot down by Japanese aircraft at Cheungkaipin in the Chungshan District on August 24, 1938, and was then called "Kweilin." The machine was repaired and rechristened "Chungking."

COURTS-MARTIAL SUSPENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HENCEFORTH, ALL courts-martial, in French Colonies will be suspended under a new decree just published in the Official Gazette at Vichy.

The measure is similar to the one recently taken in metropolitan territory, where the operation of courts-martial was also transferred to the civil authorities.

FRENCH DENY COURT TRANSFER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Demargerie, the new French Consul-General at Shanghai, denies all reports of any official agreement having been reached for the transfer to Nanking of eight court-rooms in the French Concession which function as the Shanghai Second Special District Court.

He stresses that no decision whatever has been reached on the matter. — Havas.

On the other hand, M. Marcel Peyrouton, the Home Minister, has decided on sweeping administrative reforms, including the dismissal of numerous officials who are unable to cooperate with the "task of national recovery."

Special rules have been drawn up for recruiting the heads of departments and various prefects, with particular attention being paid to their complete independence from all political influences. The promotion of all prefects and their immediate collaborators will depend entirely on merit.

M. Peyrouton is also engaged on "important reforms of the police." — Havas.

"THE FLYING SNOWMAN"

British Pilots Have Hectic Time In Air Raids But Heavy Bombers Get Through To Berlin

MAJOR STEP IN AID TO BRITAIN

President Roosevelt will probably announce a major step forward in the policy of increasing aid for Britain when he speaks at Boston, according to a White House official accompanying the President on his election campaign tour.

The speech is due to be made at about noon (H.K. time) today.—Reuter.

BOMBER CREW'S MIRACLE ESCAPE

An exciting adventure befell one British aircraft during Tuesday night's attack on Berlin, when it became "iced up" as it approached the German capital.

Flying at a great height, the aircraft developed a flat spin and in order to lighten the aircraft the pilot let go his bombs. The spin, however, persisted and the crew were warned to get ready to abandon the aircraft.

It was not until the bomber's trailing aerial had been wrenched off by contact with the ground that the pilot finally succeeded in getting the machine under control.

Describing his experience on his return to England, the bomber pilot said that his crew was not at all keen on the idea of descending over Germany.

"My navigator," he said, "who is a young Australian from New South Wales told me he didn't want to have to eat ersatz sausage for breakfast for the rest of the war."

"He seemed quite confident we should pull out before we hit and pointed out afterwards how sick we should have been if we had jumped and then seen the aircraft recover from the spin and fly off without us!"—British Wireless.

THIRTY PLANES SHOT DOWN

Thirty German raiding aircraft were destroyed during Tuesday night's attack on Berlin, and two additional German bombers were destroyed during Tuesday night, the Air Ministry announced in London yesterday.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CHINESE KIDNAPPED

Mr. Ku Ching-hui, manager of the Ta Lun Silk Factory, Shanghai, was kidnapped from his residence at Yung Chong Li, East Yu Hing Road, in the city, controlled Hongkew on Tuesday evening.—Central News.

"THE FLYING SNOWMAN" was the description one British pilot applied to himself after participating in a raid of British heavy bombers over Berlin on Tuesday.

For over 100 miles before reaching Germany, the British airmen had to fly blind through a raging snowstorm as well as intense anti-aircraft fire, says the Air Ministry News Service in London.

Nevertheless, using numerous parachute flares, the airmen found their targets in the city's centre, including large electrical works and bombed them despite thick snow.

One pilot said that a great quantity of snow penetrated the cockpit and covered his instruments as well as himself till he looked like a flying snowman.

Atrocious Weather

The atrocious weather over Germany, however, had the paradoxical effect of increased diversity of the R.A.F. attacks as a whole.

Oil supply centres were the chief objectives, but planes which encountered excessively bad weather were deflected elsewhere.

Thus, in addition to the objectives mentioned in the brief official communique, oil centres and shipyards at Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven, Denhelder, Magdeburg and Flushing, the oil refineries at Leuna and Gelsenkirchen were bombed, together with industrial plants at Leipzig, Krupps Works at Essen and railway junctions.

Krupps had a heavy visitation, while a direct hit was scored on a river bridge at Stralsund.

Railways Attacked

Other aircraft, unable to locate their primary targets, dropped heavy bombs on the Ruhr railway junctions and others farther north and east, thus complicating communications between the highly industrialised western regions of the Reich and the remainder of Germany.

Within ten minutes of the attack on the canal goodsyard at Munster, a great blaze flared up.

Fourteen other fires broke out in aerodromes, of which 29 were bombed.—Reuter.

Severe Conditions

The severe conditions in which the raid on Berlin was carried out were graphically described by the pilots engaged. The raid was the earliest Berlin has yet experienced, the first of the small striking force of heavy bombers reaching the capital at 9 p.m. A snowstorm was raging over Berlin and made the task of target location extremely difficult but after dropping flares, the raiders succeeded in finding their targets. Driving snow, however, obscured observation of the results.

The early part of the journey to Berlin was grand, said the pilot of the first aircraft to reach Berlin.

"Visibility was excellent and we could see the stars in an almost cloudless sky. Then, quite suddenly, we ran into a snowstorm which kept us company all the way to Berlin and most of the way back."

Some of the fine, powdery snow blew into my cockpit and lay two inches thick on the dashboard controls. To make matters worse, the windscreen of the two front cockpits were completely covered so that we flew many miles almost blind, depending entirely upon our instruments. We had hoped to get clear of the snow before reaching Berlin but if anything it was worse when we arrived.

Found Target

"Still we managed to find the target—a large electrical works—bombed it through the snow."

Another pilot who visited the outskirts of Berlin was less fortunate. "We ran into the same fine, powdery snow. When we first ran into it I climbed, hoping to find things better higher up, but almost at once the controls began to show signs of freezing up."

At 3,000 feet, the temperature was still 2 degrees below zero, so we came down lower still and for 35 minutes flew at a couple of thousand feet.

"Once we ran into a terrific A.A. barrage though even that didn't warm us up much and for a great deal of the time, ice cracking on the machine made a noise like hundreds of machine-gun bullets."—British Wireless.

Severe Icing

Oil supply centres, rail communications, docks and aerodromes over a wide area of Germany were among the many objectives successfully attacked on Tuesday night by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Weather conditions over most of the operations area, according to the Air Ministry bulletin, were very bad and low cloud with severe icing conditions were frequently encountered.

German oil supply centres were the main objectives of the night's operations and successful attacks were launched against refineries and storage plants at Magdeburg, Sterkrade, Gelsenkirchen, Homberg and Leuna. Strongly burning fires were started in the refinery areas at Homberg and Sterkrade.

Sheet Of Flame

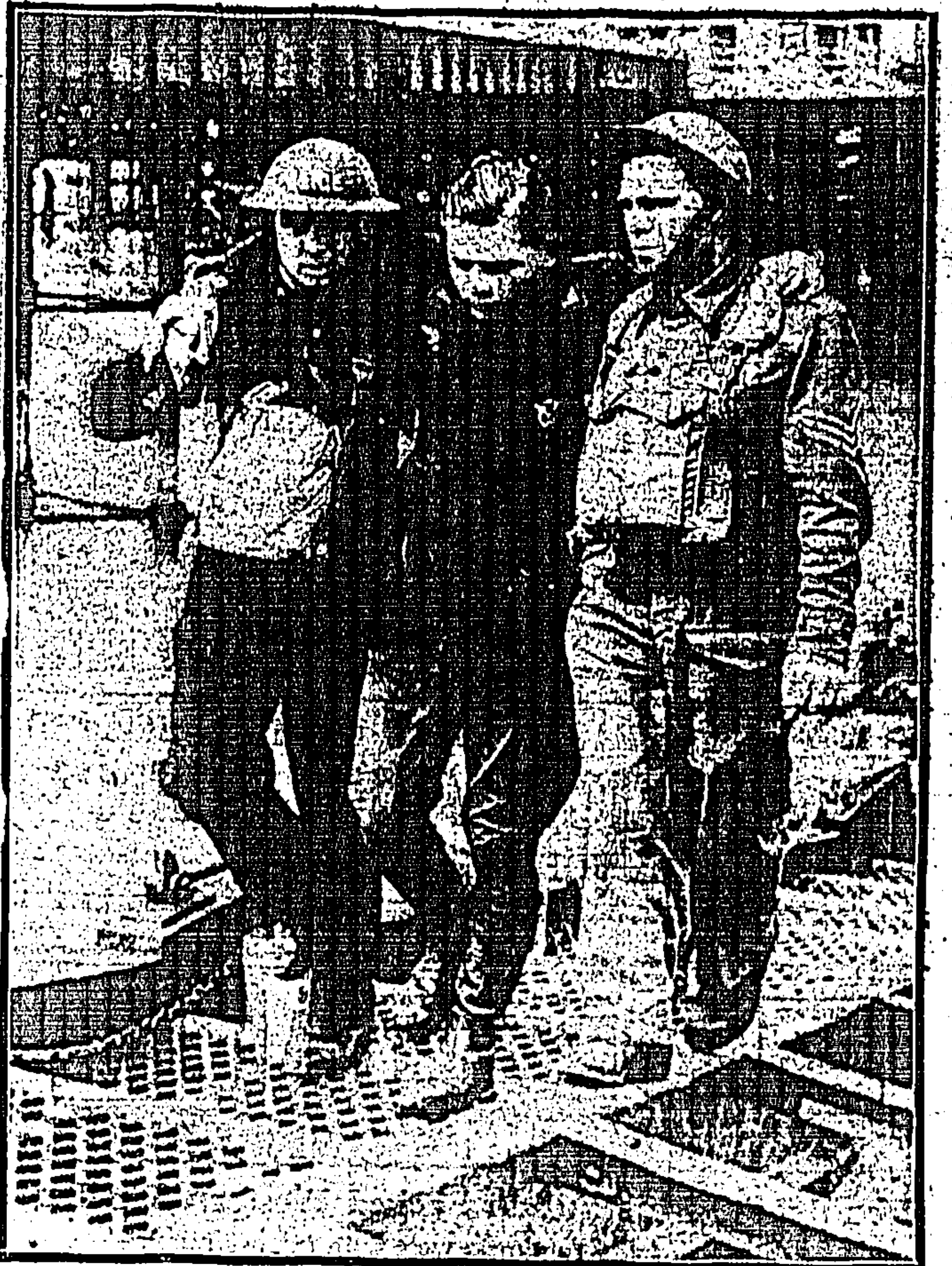
At Magdeburg, the explosion from a salvo of bombs was so violent that the attacking aircraft was badly shaken. A few seconds later, the crew saw a sheet of flame sweep across the target.

Docks at Hamburg and Bremen and the naval base at Wilhelmshaven, all three of which had been heavily attacked the previous night were revisited. Heavy calibre bombs, followed by incendiaries, were seen to burst within the docks but the ground haze and low cloud which prevailed over the greater part of north-west Germany obscured the damage.

Attacks on rail communication centres in Germany were widespread. Goods yards at Cologne, Hamburg and Krefeld, railway junctions at Osnabruck, Nordhausen and Hildesheim were struck by heavy calibre bombs. A heavy bomber which attacked the canal goodsyard near Munster started a fire which ten minutes later had developed into a great blaze. The aircraft came under heavy anti-aircraft fire while making the attack and suffered several hits from shell splinters in the wings and fuselage.

Debris Blown Sky High

Some 29 enemy aerodromes in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France were located and attacked during the night. The aerodromes at Rheine, struck by a salvo of heavy calibre bombs, was lit up by the flashes of two terrific explosions which threw debris high into the air. Docks and shipping concentrations at Ymuiden, Flushing and Den Helder, came in for yet another aerial bombardment and at both Flushing and Den Helder, fires were started in the dock areas.—British Wireless.



RESCUING GERMAN AIRMEN SHOT DOWN ON SOUTH EAST COAST—While the battles are fought in the air over the South-East Coast of England the lifeboats go out and rescue the airmen, friend or foe. Photo shows a soldier and policeman helping a German airman ashore. (Copyright: Fox).

THIS IS THE NAZI STORY

A GERMAN HIGH Command communique issued in Berlin yesterday claimed that a warship operating in overseas waters has announced the sinking of three armed merchant ships with a total of 18,400 gross tons, and that a U-boat sunk a large armed merchant ships of 10,500 tons.

ENEMY RAIDERS SCATTERED

Enemy raider formations which attempted a surprise daylight attack under cover of banks of dense clouds over the south-east coast area yesterday, were again foiled by British fighters.

As they flew in from the sea, R.A.F. machines closed with them and scattered them into disorder and retreat.

Reports received up to 4 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday show that five enemy aircraft had been destroyed and that four British fighters were missing. It was also officially announced that two more enemy aircraft were shot down on Tuesday, making a total of thirty for the day.

Final figures are not completed, but seven enemy aircraft had been destroyed over Britain up to last evening according to the latest official statement. Four British planes are missing.—Reuter.

NOTHING DOING

An official Cairo communique states that there is nothing to report.—British Wireless.

Bomber units again dropped numerous bombs on London and other military objectives in South England such as the naval harbour at Portsmouth and the munition dump in Great Yarmouth was also bombed with success.

Two ships were hit off Ramsgate. Italian planes participated in these operations.

As a reprisal for British attacks on German residential quarters, several hundred thousand kilos of bombs were again dropped on London during the night.

British planes flew under protection of darkness into Belgium, Holland and the German Reich, but their bombs did not, as usual, cause any damage worth mentioning to military objectives. The enemy on Tuesday lost 47 planes. Seventeen German planes are missing.—Reuter.

FU SIAO-EN FUNERAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ACCORDING TO THE "CENTRAL CHINA DAILY NEWS," A MEETING OF NANKING'S EXECUTIVE YUAN DECIDED TO ALLOW A PUBLIC BURIAL FOR FU SIAO-EN, LATE PUPPET MAYOR OF GREATER SHANGHAI, INSTEAD OF A STATE BURIAL.

Soon after Fu's assassination, the authorities of the "Special Shanghai Municipality" decided to petition for a State burial. A public memorial service will be held today in the auditorium of the Municipality building at Kiangwan.—Havas.

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TO-MORROW: "LONE WOLF RETURNS"

ITALIANS USING TACTICS OF HITLER IN POLAND

UP TO YESTERDAY evening, there was little accurate news in London of the actual fighting in Greece, although the latest reports indicated that the Italians have advanced slightly along the coast from Albania, where two Italian Divisions have advanced some five miles into Greek territory.

They have yet to contact the main Greek defences.

Fighting at other points has deteriorated into local skirmishes in which the Greeks seem to be holding their own.

It appears that the Italians are using the same tactics the Nazis used in Poland — they are testing the defences to find their weak points.

The Greek High Command is aware that the main attack may not yet have been launched and has made the necessary preparations.

Heavy artillery was in action in the offensive along the coast, but at other points the fighting has been confined to infantry duels.

There is no official confirmation in London of reports that the Italians have landed on the island of Corfu, and it is still denied that British troops are there.

The mining of the waters leading to Athens is only part of the immediate aid Britain is giving to Greece.

British Aid

Britain is giving the utmost aid in her power, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that the withdrawal of the French troops has made it considerably more difficult for us to send the immediate aid we could have sent six months ago. Then, there was a large French Army in Syria and North Africa on our side, as well as the French Mediterranean Fleet.

At the same time, the Italians do not appear to be having things all their own way, and indication of this may be provided by a report that seven Italian troop-ships have crossed the Adriatic to Albania, presumably with reinforcements.

A Rome reports says that Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and Italy's Foreign Minister, has left for Tirana, the Albanian capital. — Reuter.

CHINESE ADVANCE IN KWANGSI

Continuing their triumphant march, Chinese troops have reached the outskirts of Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi Province, according to despatches reaching Chinese quarters in London.

An assault on the city itself is proceeding.

Chinese troops operating along the Nanning-Lungchow Highway have scored successes. Lungchow, Mingkiang and Sullo have been recaptured.

On the east China front, heavy fighting continues in the famous Shaoshing wine producing centre in Chekiang Province where the Japanese were crushed and suffered heavy casualties. — Reuter.

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN CASE

Chan Cheuk, 25, was remanded by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning, when charged with conspiracy to rob.

It was alleged that defendant, with two other Chinese, conspired to rob Mrs. A. H. Potts, of Mount Davis Road. Inspector Tuckett is in charge of the case.

\$100,000 FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

The National Relief Commission has remitted \$100,000 to the Yunnan Provincial Government for the relief of Yunnan air raid victims. — Central News.

C.N.A.C. AIR-LINER OUTRAGE

It is confirmed in Chungking that Mr. W. C. Kent, well-known American pilot of the China National Aviation Corporation, was among the nine killed and four injured when the C.N.A.C. air liner was shot down by Japanese aircraft on Tuesday.

Miss Lu Mei-ying, air-liner hostess, was among the dead. She was making her last trip having resigned to marry in Hong Kong. She was due to have finished work yesterday. — Reuter.

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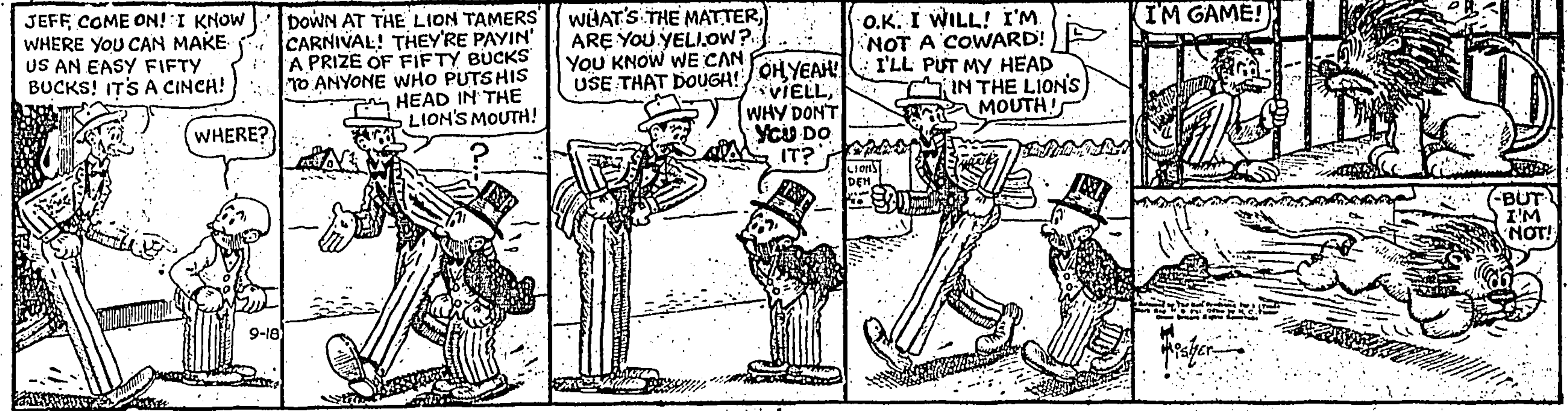
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JUDGMENT WITH COSTS WAS GIVEN TO N. F. C. LONBORG, OF THE MUTUAL TRADING COMPANY, BY MR. E. H. WILLIAMS AT THE SUPREME COURT, IN THE ACTION BROUGHT BY MR. FRANK W. WHITE, GENERAL BROKER, FOR \$300, COMMISSION ON BUSINESS INTRODUCED.

In the previous hearing, plaintiff said that he introduced three clients. There was no written agreement that he would be paid 25 per cent. but it was orally agreed. In August, he was given a letter which agreed on commission to be paid on future business.

Plaintiff claimed for commission on business prior to that.

THE EMPIRE'S AIR SCHEME FAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

THE EMPIRE AIR training scheme, designed to produce 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews annually when in full operation, is already months ahead of schedule, declared Lord Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, speaking in London yesterday.

Canada and Australia, he said, each had 300,000 men trained or training, while Canadian destroyers, cooperating with the British Navy and Australian Navy in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, were doing magnificent work.

He added: "In the Middle East, forces from South Africa as well as from Southern Rhodesia and other parts of Africa stand alongside our own troops to defeat the Italian foe.

"In the storm new shaking the foundations of the world, the British Empire stands like a rock against which the winds and waves break without weakening its essential strength." — Reuter.

Shocking Example

A tribute of grateful thanks to daughter nations and the Commonwealth was paid by the Dominions Secretary, Lord Cranborne contrasted the old type of empire, a shocking example of which was, he said, exhibited by the Third Reich, with the new type as represented by the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Whereas the Nazis were holding down Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium by force, Britain was receiving magnificent and freely offered help from the Dominions. Against the Italian foe, soldiers from South Africa, Rhodesia, Australia and New Zealand were massing alongside British comrades.

Because they were not founded on a solid basis of goodwill, such empires as the Greater Reich could not last.

Other great nations have crumbled into ruins. The British Commonwealth remains unshaken and undismayed, the serene guardians of civilisation which, without it, would already be a thing of the past.—British Wireless.

FOOTBALL FIELD THEFT

Ip Kam-shing, 20, was fined \$20 or one month, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing a woollen sweater from D. Liang, of the Royal Corps of Signals, yesterday. Accused was seen taking the sweater from near the goal-posts on the St. Joseph's football ground, while Liang was playing football. Det.-Sergt. J. Bentley prosecuted.

SWINDLE IN BANK

Chan Tai-ngor, a visitor to the Colony, has reported that he was swindled of \$400 in guilder notes, by two Chinese inside the Chartered Bank yesterday.

STORE ROBBED

A store room at No. 21, Third Street, was entered yesterday and mails and other articles valued at \$288 stolen. A quantity of sandbags stolen from the same place belonged to the A.R.P. Department.

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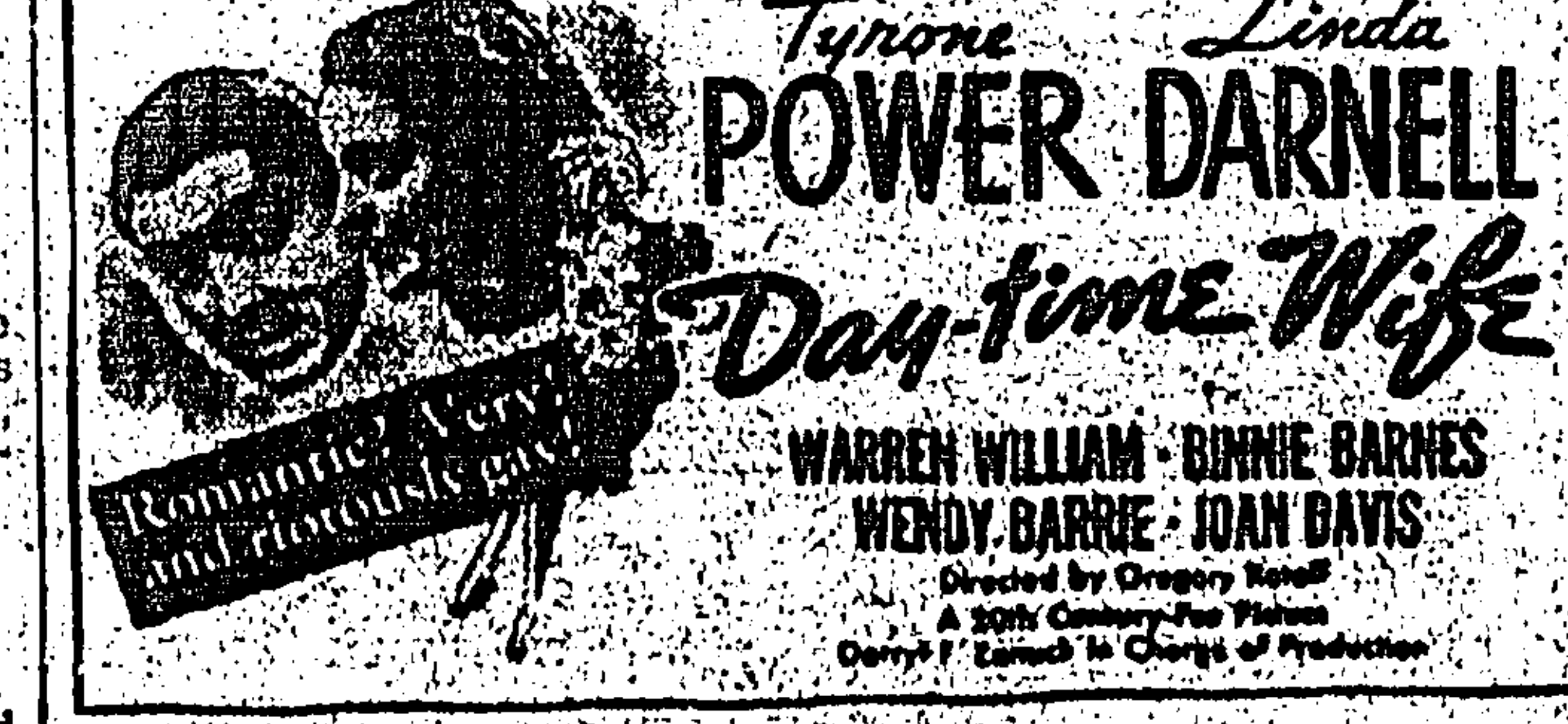


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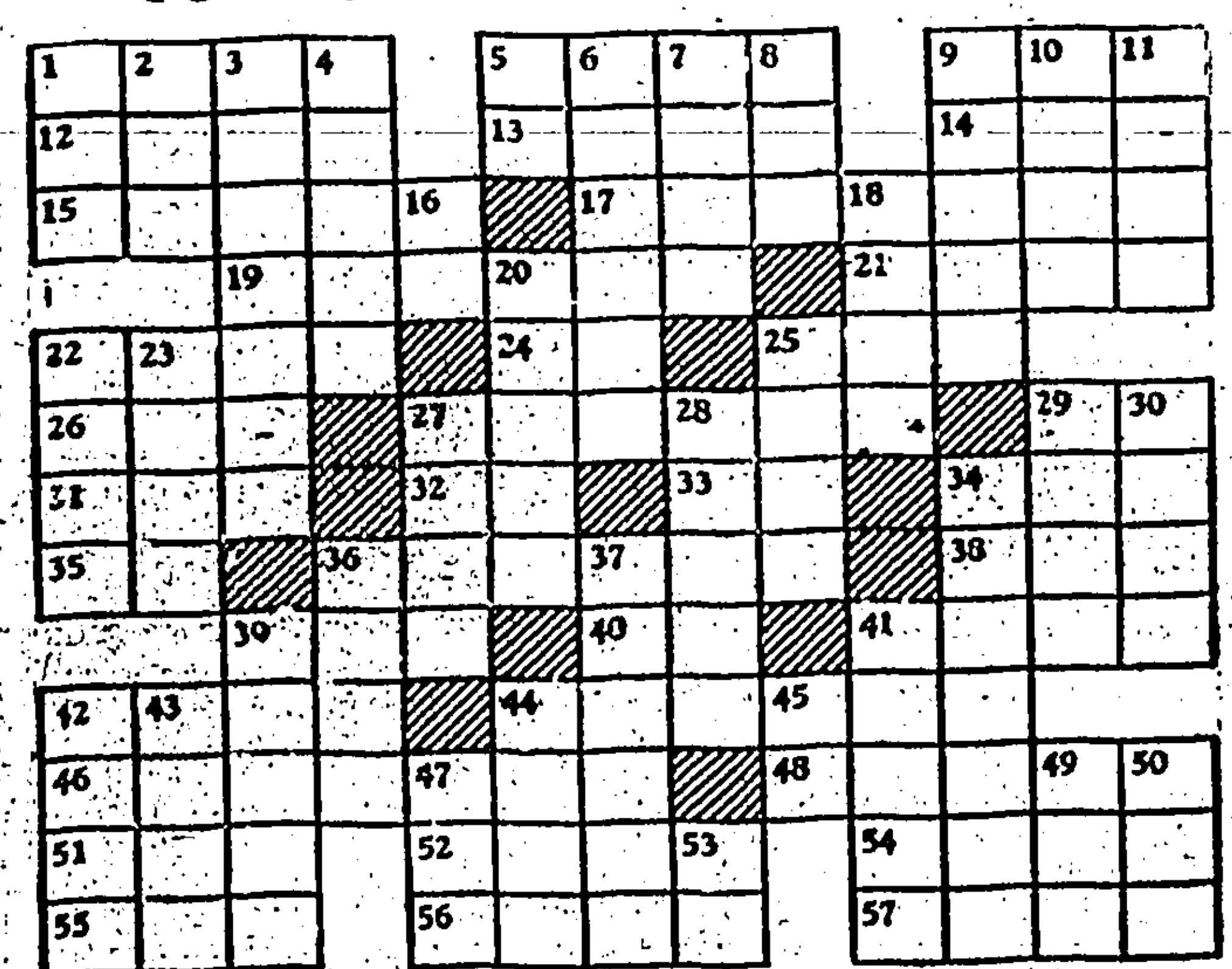
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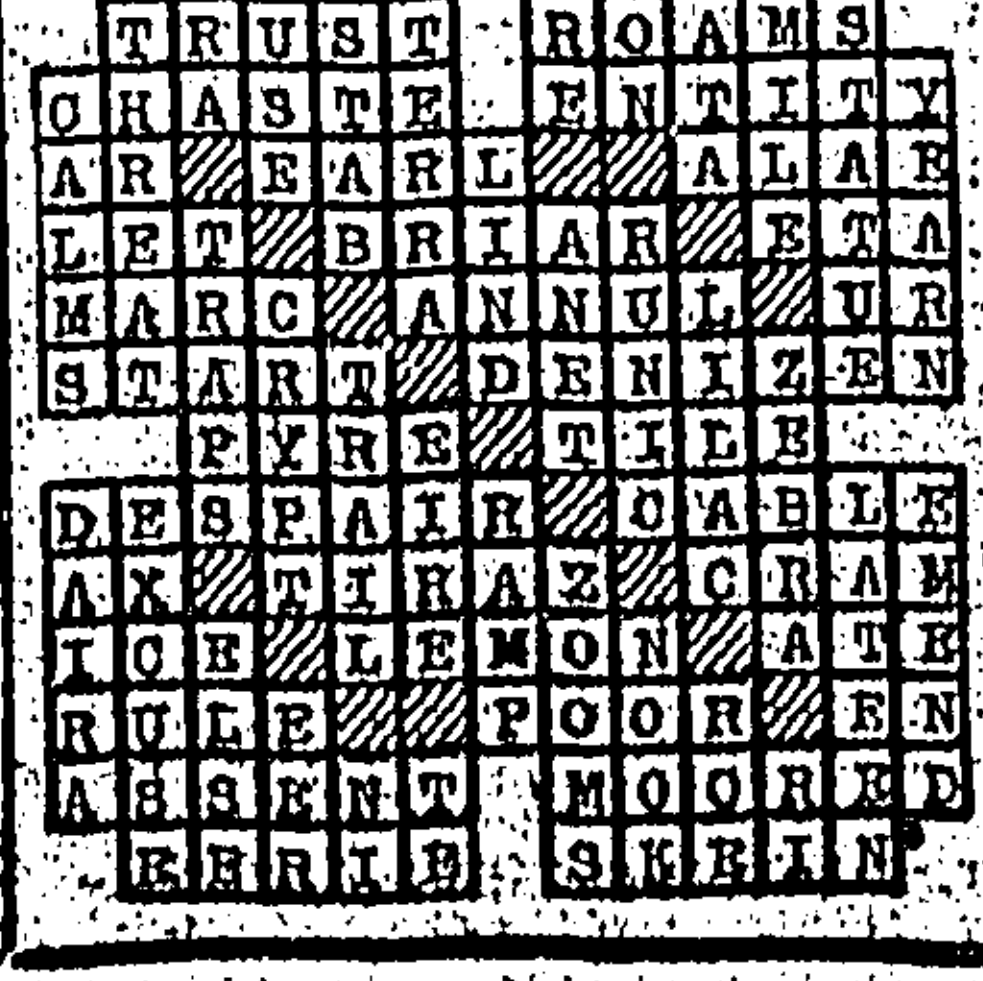
SUNDAY
George O'Brien, Virginia Vale in
"The Marshal of Mesa City"

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Male deer
 - 5 Route
 - 9 Head covering
 - 12 Solo
 - 13 Unbleached linen
 - 14 Sleeveless garment
 - 15 Birthplace of Mohammed
 - 17 To subdue
 - 19 Fate
 - 21 To bring to ruin
 - 22 Vegetable
 - 24 Proposition
 - 25 Island
 - 26 Music: high
 - 27 Left unimpaired
 - 29 To exist
 - 31 Clever
 - 32 Artificial language
 - 33 Symbol for iridium
 - 34 Uncooked
 - 35 Egyptian astral body
 - 36 To crowd against
 - 38 Consumed
 - 39 Brown
 - 40 Note of scale
 - 41 To declare
 - 42 Sudden attack
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Slang: poor actor
 - 2 Land measure
 - 3 Tottering
 - 4 Inferred
 - 5 Hebrew letter
 - 6 Emphasis
 - 7 To run slowly
 - 8 Ancient Asiatic tribesman
 - 9 To visit persistently, as a ghost
 - 10 In bed
 - 11 Hawaiian rootstock
 - 16 Like
 - 18 To desist from
 - 20 King of Crete
 - 22 To enjoy genial influences
 - 23 Girl's name
 - 25 Land measure
 - 27 To press
 - 28 Troubled
 - 29 To diminish
 - 30 Pitcher
 - 34 Disentangled
 - 36 Japanese art of self-defence
 - 37 Son of Poseidon
 - 38 Solid
 - 41 Seaweeds
 - 42 Engrossed
 - 43 Genus of maples
 - 44 Hindu law-giver
 - 45 Note of scale
 - 47 Flying mammal
 - 48 Silkworm
 - 50 Drunkard
 - 53 Sodium chloride

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





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HOLIDAY TIME—Many people in England who usually spend their holidays by the sea now occupy a great deal of their spare time in the deck-chairs on the riverside. Photo shows "holidaymakers" watching the antics of a swan at Richmond. (Cop. right, Fox).

WHAT DOCTORS SAY ON SIRENS AND SLEEP

How many hours of sleep can we lose without harm? This is what a large part of the population, kept awake nightly, by air raids, wants to know, writes a London correspondent.

The medical answer, though tentative, seems to be that we habitually sleep more than we need and, within limits, a little less sleep may do us no harm.

A doctor I talked to admitted: "English doctors have not studied the subject."

"It seems that German doctors have," he said. "You have heard the stories of the German mechanised troops who are given a drug that keeps them awake for 48 hours. But I don't think it can be said that anyone here is a specialist on sleep."

"Now doctors have their chance to examine the effects of lack of sleep in a large number of people. Let's hope they will take it."

"I believe less sleep will do little harm. For instance, young people who spend half the night at dances don't seem to feel any ill-effects from it."

"I seem to remember when I was young that the morning after the late night felt a little vague," I told him.

That was enough for a doctor. "It probably wasn't the lack of sleep that was troubling you either," he said pointedly. We agreed for my character's sake to leave it at that.

because he lost his power to sleep. Psychologists would say that was because he lost his self-confidence.

Sleepless London

I asked all sorts of people how—or whether—they did without sleep.

London has been one of the sleepless towns this last week. Who is the representative Londoner? Naturally, the greatest of Cockney comedians, the man whom Londoners recognise as one of themselves. I mean Mr. Gordon Harker.

I found him making a film. It was between two air raid alarms, but shooting was going on merrily at the studios in Denham.

How does Mr. Gordon Harker do without sleep? The answer seems to be he just sleeps.

"I get home as soon as I can from the theatre," Mr. Harker says, "and I just go to bed. I haven't been later than 2 a.m."

That was when, at the London theatre he is playing in, they had dancing on the stage since the alarm went on some hours after the show was over, and the audience couldn't go home.

"I have a reinforced basement and we've put a couple of camp beds down there," Mr. Harker says. "But we haven't been down there yet. Steady nerves? I don't think so. I couldn't see the point of staying up."

"We've been careful to take all the proper precautions—sand in the attic and all that sort of thing. After that we try to live as normal a life as we can."

I think more than ever that Mr. Gordon Harker is a representative Londoner.

VICEROY'S FUND

THE VICEROY OF INDIA'S WAR PURPOSES FUND—WHICH IS RAISED ENTIRELY FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NOW TOTALS OVER £1,600,000.

This includes £400,000 earmarked to buy aeroplanes for Britain and £100,000 to purchase motor ambulances for Britain.

The latest contributions include £2,500 from the State of Sikkim, while the total of monetary gifts from Madras is now around £375,000. — Router.

'PLANE FIRED ON NEAR HONG KONG

On her flight to Hong Kong, an air liner, the identity of which cannot be confirmed, was fired at by Japanese A.A. batteries at Namtau last evening.

33 ARRESTS IN KOWLOON

THIRTY-THREE PEDESTRIANS WERE ARRESTED BY THE KOWLOON POLICE LAST NIGHT FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE "BLACK-OUT" REGULATIONS BY STRIKING MATCHES, FLASHING TORCHES, AND LIGHTING JOSS-STICKS IN THE OPEN.

Fifteen were arrested in the Yau-ma-tei district, seven in Shamshui, six in Mong Kok, three in Kowloon City and two in Hung Hom.

Pedestrians in the Tsimshatsui District were apparently more black-out-minded, not a single arrest being made in that area.

Appearing before Magistrates at Kowloon this morning they received fines ranging from \$1 to \$5.

One "cat" burglar, charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen with breaking into No. 6, Bowring Street, ground floor, and stealing a sewing machine during the black-out, was remanded for 24 hours.

FIRE ON THE PEAK

FIRE BROKE OUT AT MOUNT AUSTIN BARRACKS SHORTLY AFTER 3 A.M. TO-DAY, AND SEVERE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO THE STOREROOM IN WHICH THE OUTBREAK ORIGINATED.

Two fire appliances from the Central Fire Station and one from the Peak Fire Station were sent out.

The fire was extinguished within three-quarters of an hour, of the arrival of fire appliances. No-one was injured.

DECREE NISI

Mrs. Elsie Lee was granted a decree nisi by the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor in the Divorce Court this morning in her petition for dissolution of her marriage to Mr. James Y. Lee. The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall-Bruton, appeared for the petitioner.



SHIPPING LOSSES

The sinking of the "Empress of Britain" has come as a rude shock, though the importance of the incident is capable of exaggeration, as witness some of the American broadcasts. The disaster was made possible by new Nazi tactics which will have to be met and doubtless will be met, and it was made possible by factors which have contributed largely to the recent increase in British shipping losses.

An increase in such losses when conditions at sea and the occupation of French ports began to favour the U-boat campaign was only to be expected. But whatever successes Germany is able to achieve are bought at a heavy cost. The destruction of enemy submarines is not regularly announced by the British Admiralty. Nazi broadcasts habitually exaggerate the tonnage of British shipping sunk to a fantastic extent. But the actual loss admitted by Britain for a recent week reached an impressive figure. The seriousness of this has not been under-rated in London. There is no reason, however, to fear that the efficiency of the convoy system has in any way weakened or that the Royal Navy is not pursuing the campaign against the U-boat menace with the utmost vigour and vigilance.

The collapse of France gave Germany numerous bases nearer the trade routes for attacking British shipping. That is obviously one explanation for the intensified submarine warfare. There has been concentration of smaller units of the fleet to meet the invasion danger, a situation which will be much relieved when America's 50 destroyers come into service. The new difficulty thus presented will undoubtedly be overcome. If the air blitzkrieg, always regarded as the greater danger, has failed, it is hardly likely that the utmost ruthlessness on the part of U-boat commanders can defeat the enormous strength of British sea power or come anywhere near starving Britain into surrender. Such a desperate situation nearly arose in 1917, when in the month of April alone 881,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping were sunk. The chances of a ship leaving the United Kingdom on a voyage and returning safely were

Anger and despair filled the British destroyer when it was realised that the shells were falling short of the Italian cruiser, now almost bursting her turbines in a frenzied effort to escape.

Mussolini had been wise. He knew what sort of fight the Italian Navy was destined to wage when he insisted that the first requisite of Italian warships was speed. Speed, and still more speed.

Through the sea-mists Italian sailors discerned the coast-line of Sicily; felt sure they were safe at last.

But now a speck appeared in the sky, grew in a matter of seconds into the shape of a vicious-looking British naval aircraft. Although shells burst round it, on and on it came.

When it dived almost to water-level, the Italians knew what to expect. You have to be near the surface when you release a torpedo, otherwise the jar of hitting the water dislocates the propelling mechanism of the projectile.

The aircraft flew to within a few hundred yards of the Italian cruiser—essential again, because a fast manoeuvring ship can dodge a 60-ft-a-second torpedo, given time.

A skim of foam through the water, a gigantic roar, and the tiny aircraft had delivered its gift from the British Fleet, in the shape of a torpedo, right into the bowels of the ship.

Speed, speed, speed, urged Mussolini.

But it hasn't saved them from the Fleet Air Arm, "shock-troops" of the Royal Navy.

His warships have sped for Africa's Tobruk if a wisp of smoke on the horizon has suggested that the British Fleet was about. They have cowered behind the vast semicircular harbour bar there.

The Fleet Air Arm has dived over the bar to torpedo, bomb and machine-gun them.

His submarines have skulked at periscope depth, ten times more afraid to show their noses than U-boat commanders.

Yet lads of the Fleet Air Arm have sent them rolling to the bottom.

Some of Mussolini's naval detachments, hearing that British ships-o'-war are in one part of the Mediterranean, have tried to make a show of bravery six hundred miles away. But now they are even nervous about that.

British naval aircraft hunt them out, test them with three tons of bombs a minute. Fleet Air Arm units have maintained a grim tattoo of five tons a minute on a German naval base.

No wonder they hope that one day Il Duce will discover a bomb-proof harbour for good Italian sailors.

There are no German airmen doing work comparable with that of the Fleet Air Arm—the youngest Air Force in the world. The

then only one in four. It has been frankly admitted since then that the whole Allied cause threatened to crash to earth just as America entered the war. The situation was saved in time by the adoption of the convoy system and the complete Government control of all matter affecting Britain's national life and the direction of national effort. Things are vastly different to-day. There can be no question of losing the war at sea while it is being won in the air.

infant was born as recently as May of last year.

The United States has such a service—but it hasn't had the test of war.

It is one thing to leave a friendly aerodrome, run the gauntlet of German anti-aircraft batteries, fly back—having a smack at a few Messerschmitts on the way—and

By
Maurice Fagence

then have lights to illumine your path to friendly "terra firma" and a hospitable mess.

The Fleet Air Arm has the same attacks from anti-aircraft guns, from bombers and from fighters—but without the other blessings.

The naval flying man's home is an aircraft carrier, a tiny speck in a wide expanse of sea. His "terra firma" is a swaying deck.

He sets out at dead of night and does 500 miles on sheer nav-

different directions at a given second. It really was a given second. A two-second error would have endangered the operation.

Although they left aircraft carriers 200 miles away, and took different courses, they arrived over their targets at the second arranged. And did murderous work.

They were told: "The 'Richelieu' must never sail again while this war is in progress. She is in harbour at Dakar, off the West Coast of Africa."

You know what happened. They saw to it that France's biggest battleship will never sail for Germany.

Gallant men of the R.A.F. would be the first to tell you that their cousins of the F.A.A. are the most thoroughly trained pilots in the world.

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There is arm-chair comfort in most of the aeroplanes used from aerodromes.

In aeroplanes catapulted from the decks of warships, pilots are cramped in tiny cockpits, often with no more protection from the stinging nor-easter than a wind-soreen as big as a pocket-handkerchief.

It is the same with gunners, radio operators, observers and others in the crews. They must be complete R.A.F. airmen and know their naval flying duties as well. And be sailors into the bargain.

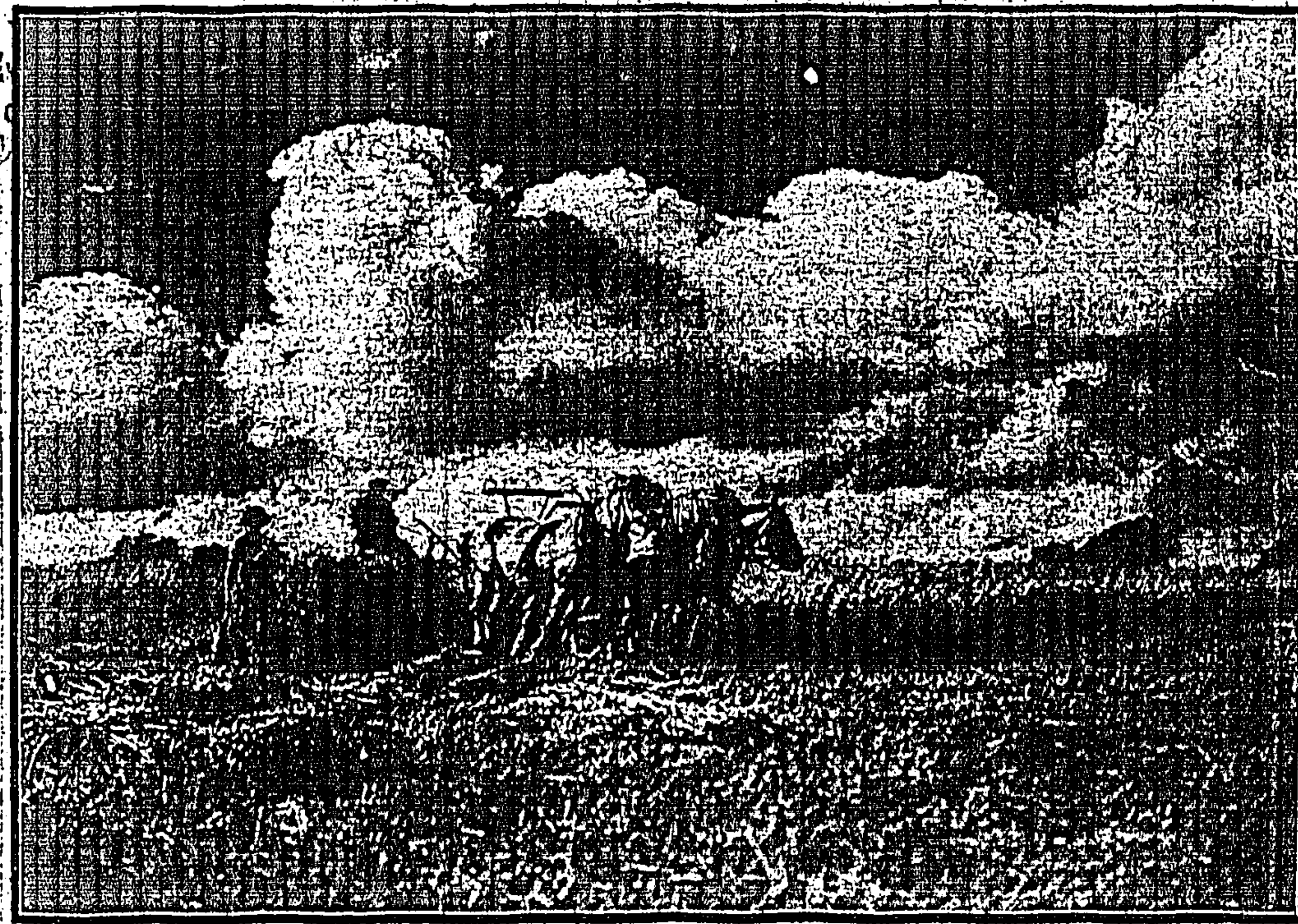
Judge their all-round ability from this.

A young midshipman pilot ran out of petrol. There are no petrol pumps at sea, and he was equipped only for a sea-landing. So he brought his machine down on the ground, "ski-ing" to a standstill on his floats.

Then he scrounged the petrol he wanted, slid off the ground, and got back to his carrier.



Judge their doggedness from this. Dive-bombing German war-



A picturesque scene near York as the farmer carries on with the harvesting, beneath heavy clouds. (Copyright, Fox).

gational ability not daring to ask his whereabouts by radio, because any ship that told him would reveal its whereabouts to the enemy.

Round and round he goes in that 500-mile course, always doing reconnaissance work, and sometimes a spot of fighting as well.

Then, whatever his evolutions in a barren sea, devoid of landmarks, he must steer a dead course for that speck he calls home.

Even if naval exigencies have compelled the aircraft carrier to move while he was "away from home," he should be able to spot it.

Yet, as probably a cunning enemy has followed him back, hoping he would reveal a wonderful target, he must not worry if no flashing message comes from the sea.

As well as navigational ability, he must have the patience and fortitude to wait bravely for a sign from the dark sea.

In such a way the Fleet Air Arm daily covers 8,000,000 square miles of often storm-tossed sea—180 times the area of England.

When British destroyers attacked Narvik, the aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm had to appear from

They have to learn how to be catapulted into the air, how to take off from and land on a ship that is trying to stand on end; how to bring a machine equipped with floats down into the water.

You may not believe it, but water is harder than clay. And dances about, which clay can't be persuaded to do. What is more, water is ever-changing. You need a hundred different techniques for "landing" in it.

Next, the pilot must learn to be a complete sailor. When afloat, he must do ordinary ship's duties. When his craft is on the surface of the sea he must navigate it as a ship—must function as a master of a ship.

He must fly machines that are necessarily far inferior to anything in service with the R.A.F.

They must be given added strength to enable them to withstand the shock of landing on deck or in the sea—and that can only be got at the expense of lightness and manoeuvrability.

They must be considerably smaller than machines used from a land base. Even the biggest aircraft carriers would only be able to give ship's space for half a dozen or so big R.A.F. machines.

Seventy and more tiny Fleet Air Arm craft can be housed comfortably in such a parent ship.

ships in a Norwegian fjord, a Fleet Air Arm machine was hit by anti-aircraft fire. His port petrol tank alight, the pilot dived into the fjord.

Under the noses of the Germans he put out the fire when he had only 20 gallons of petrol left, took off, and made a safe landing alongside a British destroyer.

If you would know about the men as personalities, read this.

An Air Arm pilot brought his machine down in a harbour off the West Coast of Ireland because his engine was in need of repair.

The "Fire" harbour-master sent him a mechanic, the job was completed, and off he went.

Some hours later Dublin was on the telephone to the harbour-master.

"We understand you have interned a British flying-boat, that put down in your harbour," said the Voice of Officialdom.

"Sure, I've done no such thing," sang back the harbour-master. "They've flown away. I couldn't think of being neutral against young men so charming."

Charming? Forgive Mussolini if he fails to agree.

He is known to have ear-marked some four hundred of his best machines to keep a special watch on the horns of the Royal Navy.

He can little afford to spare them with Libya, Abyssinia, and Italy itself continually under fire from our R.A.F.

He realises that even the Royal Italian Navy can't run fast enough to escape the grasp of the Fleet Air Arm.

HITLER'S RUSH VISIT TO FLORENCE EXPLAINED

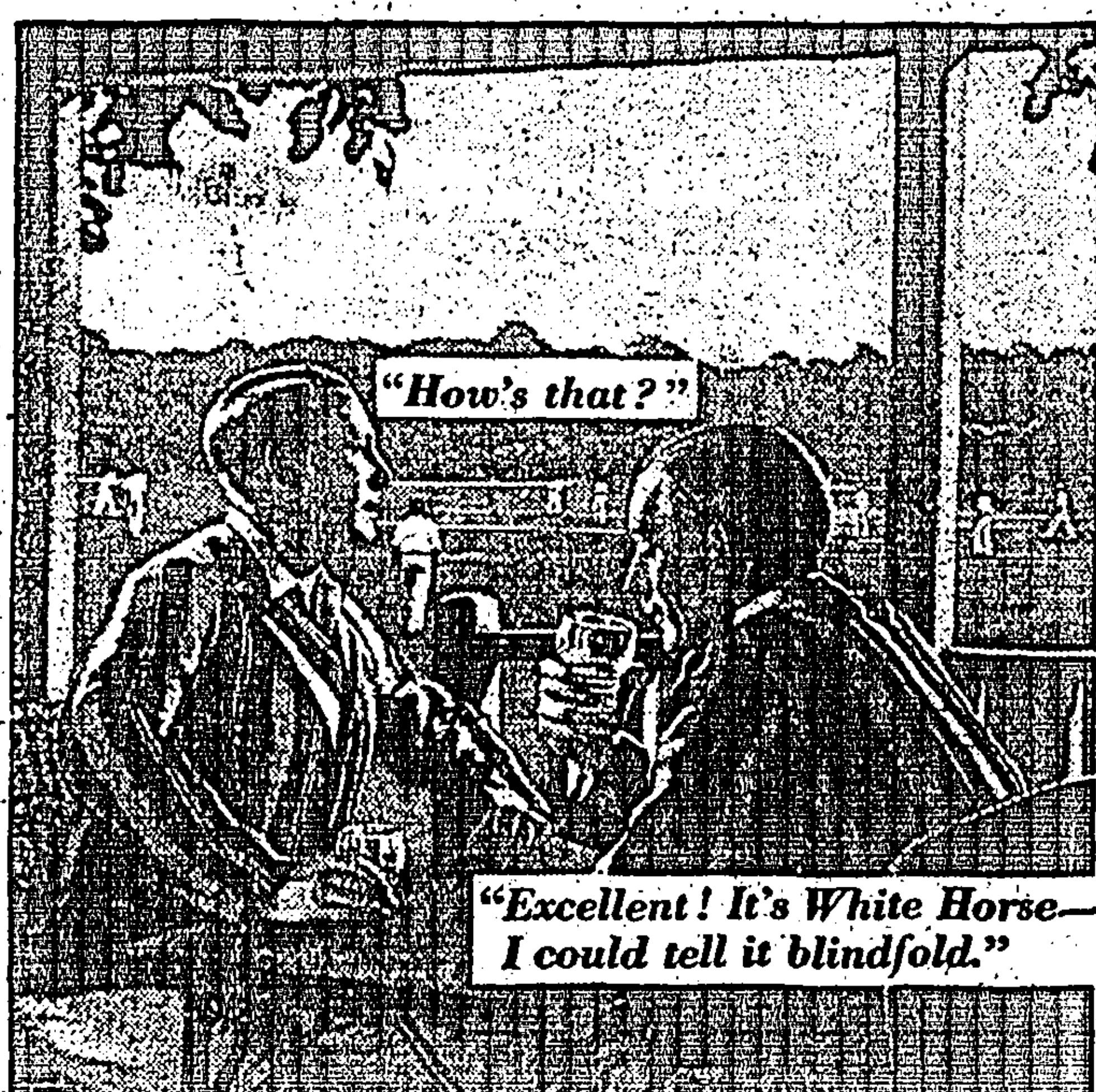
AIR RAID ALARM IN ATHENS

An air raid alarm was sounded in Athens yesterday which lasted for half an hour, from 4.20 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. No gunfire was heard and no Italian planes appeared in the immediate vicinity of the Greek capital. — Reuter.

When the air-raid warning was sounded in Athens yesterday, the public reached shelter

quicker than on the occasion of former alarms, having been impressed by the casualties at Patras, which were largely caused by sight-seers remaining in the streets.

It is now learned authoritatively that 100 were killed and 280 wounded at Patras. — Reuter.

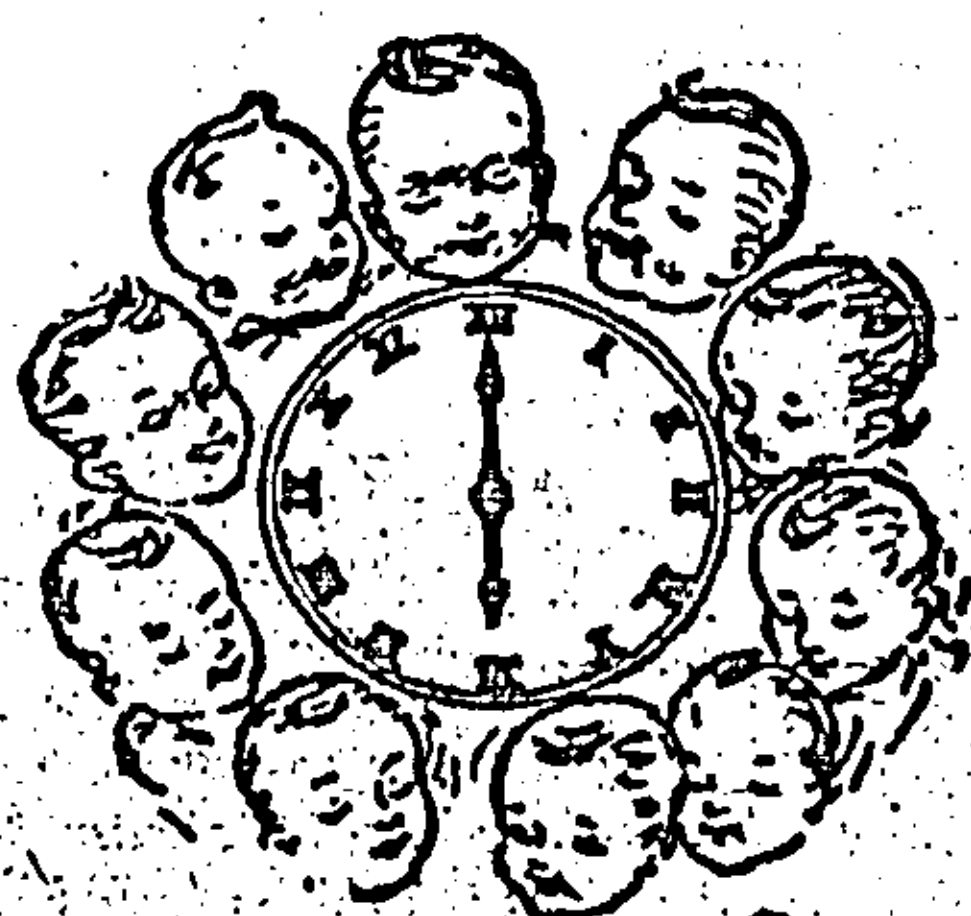


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Mussolini Wary Of Double-Cross

IT IS NOW REVEALED THAT HITLER'S RUSH VISIT TO FLORENCE WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEALING A RIFT IN THE AXIS LUTE THREATENING AS A RESULT OF HITLER'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH M. LAVAL.

Reuter's Zurich correspondent says that the one inescapable fact emerging from the news, both from Berlin and Rome, is that recent events have compelled Hitler to adopt the unaccustomed role of "appeaser," but whether with better effect than the appeasers of yester-eve is still conjectural.

Having in the first place failed in his attempt to persuade Italy to sacrifice her territorial claims against France, Hitler has been faced with further Italian recalcitrance in opposing any active or passive assistance of France in the war, which Mussolini feared might entitle Petain to equal partnership with Italy in Germany's "New Order."

Then came Hitler's hasty visit to Florence which was followed by significantly soothing German newspaper paragraphs, like that in the "Zeitung" which asserted that while France has been offered participation in the Axis system if she broke with Britain, Germany had promised her nothing regarding the later peace. From that change of tone, the Italian Press became noticeably calmer.

The Double-Cross?

Political observers deduce therefore that though Italian claims may be put in the background while "appeasement" is directed to France, Germany has assured Italy that her claims will have due consideration later.

The conclusions drawn are that, firstly, Germany's new offer to France is more generous than the original offer; secondly, that France is left uncertain whether a temporary peace will be modified later to satisfy Italy; thirdly, that France's bargaining position depends upon Britain's resistance.

Hence the discussion of the detailed execution of the Franco-German collaboration agreement may proceed less smoothly than was at first expected. — Reuter.

Italy Successful?

Italy's anxiety over the arrangement Hitler has been trying to make with the Vichy Government is clearly reflected in a Berlin dispatch to Stefani, the official Italian news agency yesterday.

The message suggests that the Italians have successfully objected to any Franco-German settlement which would deprive Italy of the fruits of victory in exchange for French aid against Britain.

Quoting authoritative German quarters, the message says that in the Hitler talks with Laval and Petain, "not only was no formal agreement reached but no special problem was even discussed."

Must Pay In Full

The talks, it adds, were solely concerned with "the general plan of the part which France wishes to play in the new European Order following the Axis victory."

The dispatch concludes: "The new European dispensation cannot fail to take account of the fact that it was France which desired, provoked and lost the war, and that for this she must pay in full." — Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS SUNK BY MINES

The Admiralty has announced that two trawlers, the "Wave Flower" and the "Joseph Buxton" have been sunk by enemy mines. — Reuter.

MINING OF GREEK WATERS

The mining of strategic Greek waters was announced by the British Admiralty in London yesterday.

On the west, all waters have been rendered dangerous east of a line drawn roughly round the west coasts of the Islands of Levkas, Cephalonia and Zante (in the Ionian Sea) and thence to Cape Katakolo on the Greek mainland.

This means that the gulfs of Patras and Corinth and the approaches to them have been mined. On the east of Greece, the Gulf of Aegina has been mined north and west of the line between Cape Spadi and Cape Colonna.

The Gulf of Corinth bites deeply into the Greek mainland and the isthmus only a few miles wide separates its head from the head of the Gulf of Aegina. The principal port on the Gulf of Aegina is Piraeus which serves Athens. — Reuter.

VICHY COMMENT ON NEW ITALIAN INVASION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

EVINCING CONSIDERABLE interest in the developments in the Balkans, political circles in Vichy recall that, for the second time in 2,000 years, Roman legions are attempting to force their way through the mountains bordering the Adriatic Sea in order to establish their mastery over the Aegean Sea across the Macedonian Plains.

On land, the front will extend for over 100 miles between the Adriatic and Yugoslavia. Owing to the mountainous character of Greece, the attackers will have only two "entrances" to the country: Firstly, north-east of the Pinus mountain-range, from which an important and strategic highway leads to Salonika and thereby forming a more or less straight line from Vallons and Argyrokastro, Albanian ports on the Adriatic. This highway reaches the Macedonian Plains through the Vlatitsa Valley; Secondly, down the highway along the coast leading to the Gulf of Corinth across the province of Epirus by way of Yanina. — Havas.

FRANCO WILL KEEP SPAIN OUT OF WAR

That General Franco will not be disappointed in his known desire to keep Spain out of war, remains the prevailing sentiment in well-informed quarters in Madrid. — Reuter.

MYSTERY TRIP OF U.S. WARSHIPS

The mysterious departure, under sealed order, of five United States destroyers, seventeen bombers and one seaplane tender, from Key West, has led to much speculation in Washington.

The mystery was heightened when Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, smilingly refused to state the destination of the flotilla.

Rumour is busy suggesting that the ships are bound for the French island of Martinique, where the difference of opinion between the pro-Vichy and the anti-Vichy partisans is reported to be nearing a climax.

While the five destroyers would be inadequate to seize the island if the French Navy offered resistance, it is known that other American units, including new cruisers are in the Porto Rico region. — Reuter.

GIGANTIC JIGSAW PUZZLE: 70 GERMAN DIVISIONS TO WATCH

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)
THE OPPOSING FORCES in the Mediterranean theatre of war are so scattered that the situation resembles a gigantic jigsaw puzzle.

When Italy declared war, an immediate attack from the Albanian frontier was expected. This, in conjunction with the move of General Graziani's armies in North Africa, would have kept the British navy busy.

Neither has yet materialised though there is no possible doubt that the Italians were ready both in Libya and Albania.

Libyan reports mention dilatory road-making activity near Sidi Barrani, but there apparently is a lack of initiative in the air.

Albanian reports suggest that the Italians are uneasy about the Albanians themselves.

An advance of a large force to Salonika might render communication lines vulnerable to hostile Albanians though it appears that Italy's best chance would be an immediate attack before the Greeks have completed mobilisation.

German Divisions

A real enigma is offered by the presence of 70 German divisions in the vicinity of the Balkans.

Many are assembled on the borders of Hungary and Yugoslavia while mechanised units are in the border towns of German Carinthia.

What is the plan for which these vast forces, (at least 1,000,000 men) are intended?

Turkey is ruled out as an immediate German objective for the present at least, for there is only a small number of troops in Rumania.

Yugoslavia?

Not so in the case of Yugoslavia, as every German military move suggests pressure against that country.

Yugoslavia's army is in a very difficult position. Hungary and Bulgaria both fit into the puzzle more easily.

Both will "toe the line" whatever action Germany may suggest.

There are signs of improving Russo-Turkish relations and the question asked is whether Russia is nervous in connection with German intentions.

Geography may be an important factor in Balkan developments.

Hungary is flat, Yugoslavia, mountainous. The Italians could only invade Greece by marching eastwards towards Salonika or southwards towards the Gulf of Corinth.

Salonika First?

Salonika is bound to be the main objective; it was one of the most important outlets for Yugoslav trade and may again become an important war valve.

But whatever the Italians may do, those 70 German divisions must be watched.

They may be for movements through Hungary and Rumania towards Thrace or for a march through the Ukraine to southern Russia in search for oil. No indication is favouring one or other of these speculations but all are distinctly possible.

Finally, there is the incalculable factor of weather.

Deep snow lies on Greek mountains while other parts of the Balkans are wet and cold, usually preliminary to a nasty winter.

This may persuade the Germans to attempt to repeat the Norwegian success but it is more likely to cause them to wait for spring.—Reuter.

VON PAPEN LEAVES FOR BERLIN

Von Papen, the German Ambassador, has left Ankara for Istanbul, from where, it is stated, he will be proceeding immediately to Berlin.—Reuter.

TURKISH POLICY

Ministers representing the Balkan States met at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo on Tuesday in order to discuss the situation arising from the Italian invasion of Greece.

The Turkish Minister, Sevkî Alhan, is understood to have declared that Turkey was in complete agreement with Britain regarding present and future action. He added that Turkey's non-participation in the hostilities for the present might well be favourable to the general situation, rather than her participation.—Reuter.

ITALIAN OUTRAGE REVEALED

THAT AN ITALIAN SUBMARINE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNPROVOKED PEACE-TIME SINKING OF THE GREEK CRUISER "HELLE," OFF THE ISLAND OF Tinos LAST AUGUST, WAS REVEALED BY THE GREEK NAVY HIGH COMMAND YESTERDAY.

Fragments of two torpedoes picked up after the attack were found by experts to be of Italian manufacture.

The announcement was not

GREECE READY FOR ANY ORDEAL

Greece will bear the ordeals that lie before it with patience and dignity, and with God's help they would add a new page to their history, declared the Greek Minister, M. Simopoulos, speaking at a luncheon in London yesterday.

M. Simopoulos said: "The time has come when we must fight for our independence and our life."

"We know what these ideals are because they are the ideals for which Greece has fought throughout the centuries and we will be proud in fighting side by side with the British Empire for the ultimate victory."

M. Simopoulos added that Greece has been a victim of a dastardly attack and premeditated aggression without any provocation whatsoever, and the attempt to find an excuse rendered the aggression the more disgraceful.—Reuter.

Afraid Of Daylight

Referring to the method of presenting the demands of Italy, the Minister said: "The Italian Note was presented at three o'clock in the darkness of the night. They were afraid of daylight for such an action."

"Our long history has been a constant fight for liberty. We know the evils but we survived, and we will survive. My country is now at war with Italy—a so-called great power. With God's help, we are adding a page to our history. So is Italy—but we do not envy them this addendum."—British Wireless.

made earlier "for reasons of policy which no longer exist," adds the communique.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL CHIEFS FOR BIG TEST TO COME

WITH THE UNPROVOKED Italian attack upon Greece, naval operations are likely to assume major importance.

With Sir Andrew Cunningham as C-in-C. Mediterranean Fleet, and Vice-Admiral J. C. Tovey as C-in-C. Home Fleet, the conduct of operations is in good hands.

Sir Andrew Cunningham is a man of wide knowledge and interests and is possessed of fierce energy, power, quick decision and infinite resource. He holds what is probably a record in the service as from 1911 until 1914 he was in continuous command of one ship—the destroyer Scorpion.

In the last war, he distinguished himself in the Gallipoli campaign and after the evacuation, commanded a small detached force in the Aegean.

After various appointments, he became Rear Admiral Commanding Destroyers in the Mediterranean and in 1938 Vice-Admiral Commanding the battle cruiser squadrons in that sea, becoming C-in-C. about a year later.

Tovey Of Onslow

Vice-Admiral J. C. Tovey, who recently became C-in-C. Home

Fleet, is another destroyer officer. He greatly distinguished himself at Jutland when commanding "Onslow" and this ship is referred to in a despatch by the rear-admiral commanding a light squadron in the battle.

"I should like," the Rear-Admiral reported, "to bring your attention to the action of a destroyer—name unknown—which we passed close in disabled condition. After 6 p.m. she apparently was able to struggle ahead again and made straight for the Derflinger to attack her. The incident appeared so courageous it seems desirable to investigate it further." The destroyer was Onslow. Admiral Tovey commanded Rodney between 1932 and 1934 and has also been Rear-Admiral Commanding Mediterranean Fleet destroyers.—British Wireless.

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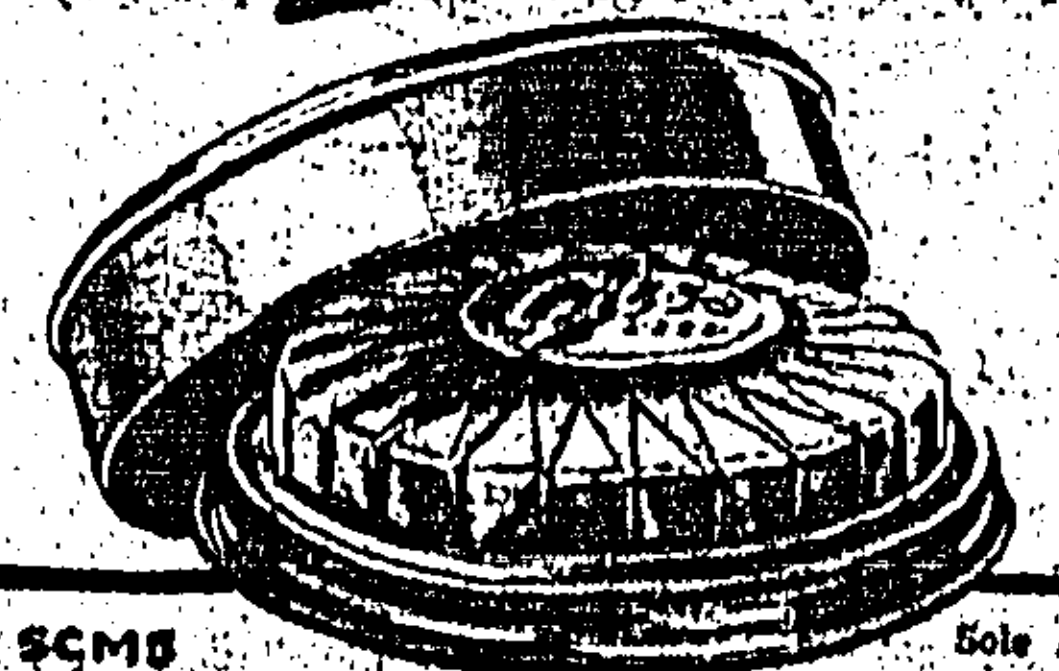
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2332.	Castle Peak Road between Wing Lung St. and Tonkin St., Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 23,100	\$318
									\$17,325



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Inland Lot No. 6070.	Po Shan Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 10,000	\$184
									\$5,000

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BRIDGE NOTES

A USEFUL SIGNAL

By The Four Aces

A type of signal known only by good players is shown in to-day's hand.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ 9 6 5 3
♥ Q J 10 9 5
♦ 5
♣ K 5 4
♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ Q 10 6 2
♣ 6 2
N
E
W
S
♠ J 7 2
♥ A 7 2
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A 8 7 3
♠ A K
♥ K 4
♦ A K J 9 3
♣ Q J 10 9

The bidding:

South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West led the four of spades, East played the Jack, and South won with the King. South now led the King of hearts, West played the three, and East ducked. Declarer continued hearts, but this time East took the trick without hesitation.

Note that the defence would collapse if East held up his heart Ace again, for South would immediately begin on the clubs. He would then be able to win three clubs and two diamonds in addition to the two tricks in each major suit.

Note also that East is quite anxious to take his Ace of hearts exactly when South plays his last heart. In such a situation, West must play his lowest heart if he holds exactly three hearts in the suit; but some heart other than his lowest if he holds either two or four hearts. Since East held the deuce, he knew that West's heart three was his lowest; hence that West held three hearts, and South only two.

East returned a spade after winning the heart Ace, and South took the spade Ace. South next laid down the club Queen, but East properly held off to prevent the club King from acting as an entry to dummy. On the next club lead East was able to capture dummy's club King. A diamond return then completed a very fine defence; South couldn't make the contract whether or not he finessed.

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CHILDREN'S TANK BATTLE

Children fought a battle with miniature tanks, sledges and gun carriages at a big national defence parade in Red Square, Moscow, at which Stalin took the salute.

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Several clubs carried banners welcoming Bessarabia and Bukovina (territory recently ceded by Rumania) to the "Soviet family."

Among the audience, which included members of the Diplomatic Corps and visiting trade missions, were Latvian and Lithuanian athletic delegations.

Soviet marshals and generals appeared in their new uniforms of white with gold buttons and red collar. They wore peaked caps with a white hat band, red top and gold piping.

non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K J 9 5

♥ 8

♦ Q J 10 7

♣ A Q 9 6

The bidding:

Burnstone Maier You Jacoby

1♥ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Redouble. If all should pass, your high cards practically guarantee the contract even though the trumps may be badly stacked. If the opponents bid, as is most probable, you will wreak terrific damage on them.

Score: 100% for redouble, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 552

To-day you are Howard Shenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ K 6 3

♥ K Q 8 5

♦ K J 9 7 5

♣ 4

The bidding:

Shenken Jacoby You Maier

1♥ Dbl. (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Four Day Hair Drill

Letter after letter arrives asking for help with scalp troubles. Almost every other person, it seems, is bothered with thin hair patches, scalp irritation, falling and poor hair.

And so here we are going to outline a special four-day treatment to deal with these problems.

We want to make it quite clear that this treatment is not for definite scalp disorders, such as alopecia. For those you should get medical advice. The routine suggested will correct the symptoms of under-nourishment as listed above, including bald patches.

One or two of these "oases" doesn't mean you've got alopecia. But if you hair looks as if it's moulting, then ten to one you have. The aim of the treatment is to supply food to the hair

glands under the surface of the skin in the cutium.

And it's not an easy job, because you have to find an oil which the pores will absorb, together with an antiseptic which will prevent harmful substance entering with the oil, and an astringent to close the pores after their meal.

This is how it is done:-

MONDAY.-At bedtime massage a little gland-cream into the roots of the hair. Leave on all night.

TUESDAY.-Wash hair with antacid shampoo mentioned in my

last hair article.

WEDNESDAY.-Smooth into scalp a small amount of conditioning cream, also described in that article. Rinse out with warm water.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.-You can have these days off.

SATURDAY.-Gently apply to the scalp a preparation which has the necessary nourishing, antiseptic and astringent properties.

On the following Monday week begin the treatment again. Two such treatments are usually enough, but you might have to continue for a third week.

There's Danger In Measles

Before And After Effects

It's a good thing that to-day we live in more enlightened times than did our not-too-distant ancestors. Most of the middle aged will remember that when the milder forms of infectious illnesses broke out, the entire family were thrown together in the hope that they would all get it.

This was the case with measles. The sooner all the children had it the sooner would family life return to normal. To-day, measles is a very serious illness. No parents are doing their duty who do not strive their hardest to prevent its spread to other members of the family.

It carries with it the risk of dangerous complications, and permanent damage may be done to the ears or the lungs.

The cause of this illness is unknown, but after an interval of from seven to twenty-one days following infection, it begins suddenly.

Sneezing, and congested nose, eyes and throat, together with fever, are the first symptoms. The patient is restless and irritable. Next day the face become puffy, symptoms of a head cold become more severe and coughing begins.

As a rule, the rash does not appear until about the fourth day, when spots can be seen on the forehead near the hair. These soon spread to the face, body, and then, to the limbs. The rash consists of deep red blotches, which soon fade to a brownish colour.

In most cases of uncomplicated measles, the symptoms have gone in ten days. The child is no longer capable of passing the illness on to others in two weeks of the appearance of the rash.

As, however, measles may take some time to develop, children who have been in contact with a case are not considered out of danger until three weeks have elapsed. Measles are most infectious during the early stages.

The sickroom should be well ventilated but if up-country kept warm. A good fire should be kept going in winter, so that an even temperature of about 63 degrees Fahrenheit is maintained. The chest should be protected with flannel, and the eyes screened from the light.

Weak boracic lotion makes a good solution for bathing the eyes, which are always inflamed and painful. A steam-kettle filled with boiling water, to which a teaspoonful of Friars Balm has been added to each pint of water, makes breathing easier.

Irritation is often troublesome, and may be treated by sponging with warm boracic lotion or by applying oil.

The bowels must have attention and the diet, while fever lasts, should consist mainly of milk and fruit juices. Don't be in a hurry to let the patient get up. He should be kept in bed for at least a week after the temperature has come down to normal. If everything has gone satisfactorily, he may be safely allowed out of doors a fortnight later.

Quite often the cough comes back again and bronchitis may develop.

When nursing a case of measles at home, take the greatest precautions to prevent it spreading through the house. Whoever is acting as nurse should wear an over-all whilst in the sickroom, hang a sheet kept damp with carbolic lotion over the door outside, and should always wash her hands in antiseptic solution before leaving the sick room.

If there are other children about the house they should be immediately isolated if they show any signs of a cold in the head or any fever.



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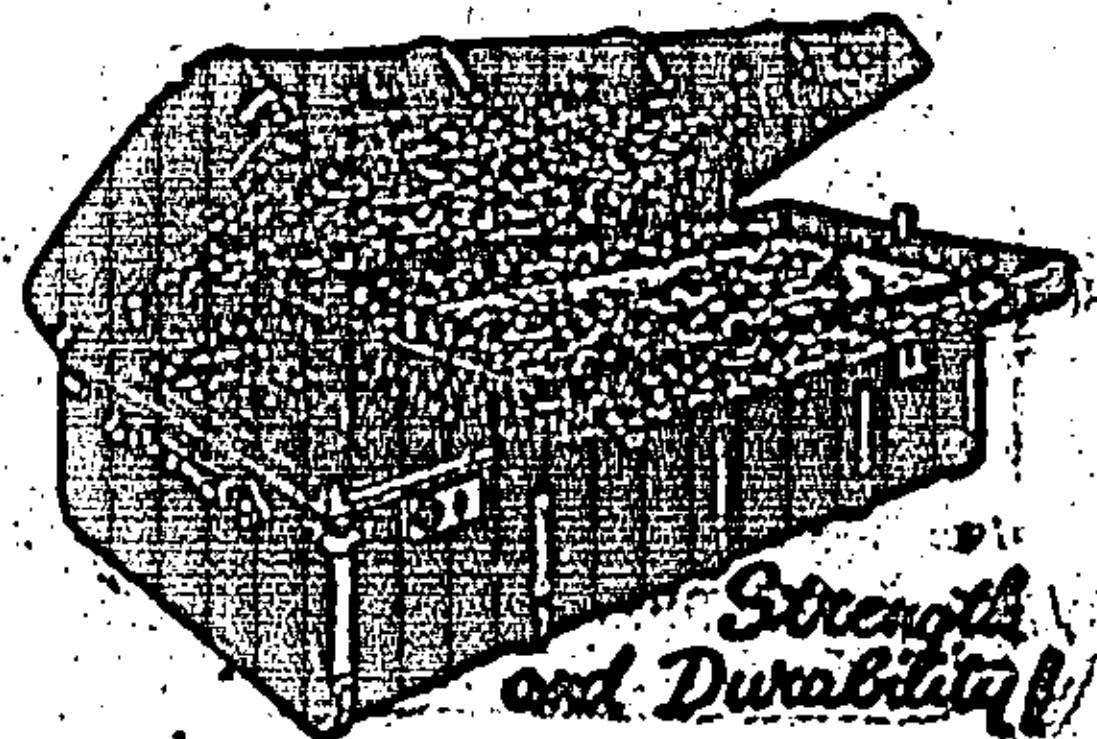
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Cream Cheese And Cucumber Canapes

1/2 cucumber
2 oz. cream cheese
Chopped parsley
Grated nutmeg
Water biscuits or rounds of toast.

Peel the cucumber and slice in rings 1/4 in. thick. Sprinkle well with salt and let the moisture drain off. Spread the biscuits with cream cheese, lay a ring of cucumber in the centre and top with more cream cheese. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and grated nutmeg and cover with another biscuit. Pack in greaseproof paper or in a cardboard box, and keep as cool as possible.

Stuffed Tomatoes

4 even-sized tomatoes
Seasoning: Lettuce leaves
Fillings: Macedoine of vegetables and Mayonnaise
Diced vegetables in aspic
Potato salad and chopped spring onions.
Chopped hard-boiled egg and mayonnaise

Flaked fish and white sauce
Wipe the tomatoes and cut off a small lid from the top. Using the handle of a teaspoon, scoop out the insides of the tomatoes and turn them upside down to drain well. Prepare the filling and season well. Pack the tomatoes with the mixture and cover with lid. Wrap each tomato in a lettuce leaf, and pack in a box so that the tomatoes are standing upright.

Fruit Or Savoury Turnovers

6 oz. short pastry
Fillings: Stewed apples
Chopped hard-boiled eggs in white sauce
Salmon or smoked haddock Mince-meat
Roll out the pastry thinly and cut into rounds the size of a saucer. Moisten the edge of the pastry and put in one tablespoon of any of these fillings. Sweeten the apples or season well the savoury fillings. The eggs should be sliced and folded into white sauce. Fold the pastry over and seal.
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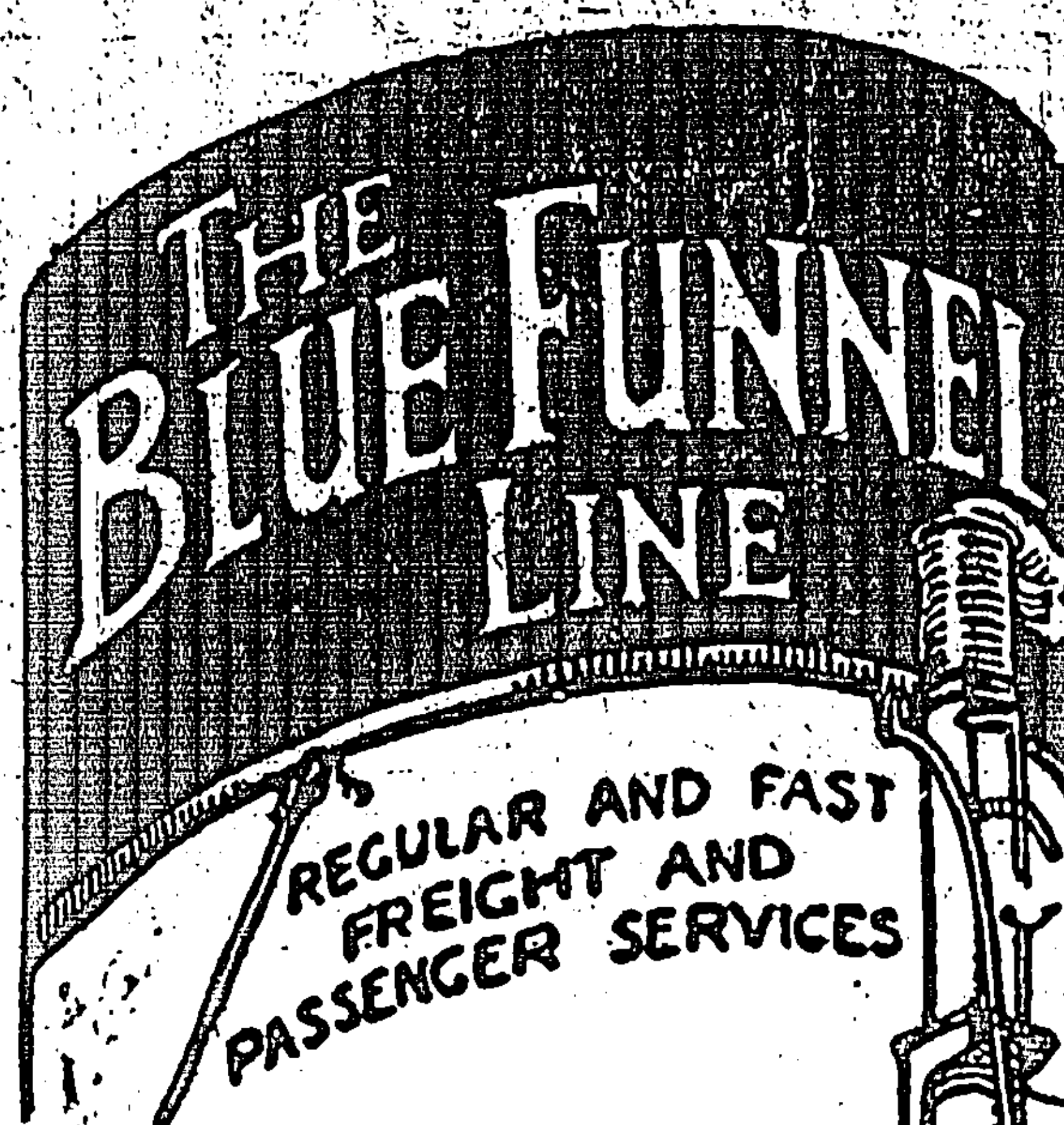
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
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6.47 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance".
8.03 p.m.—Dance Music.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 "Moonlight".
9.44 p.m.—Songs of Schubert sung by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).
9.58 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Op. 125 "Choral".
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2nd Mov: Molto vivace—Presto—Molto vivace—Coda Presto.
3rd Mov: Adagio molto e cantabile—Andante moderato—Adagio—Lo stesso tempo.
Finale: Presto—Allegro ma non troppo—Allegro assai—Presto—Allegro assai—Allegro assai vivace (Alla Marcia)—Andante maestoso—Adagio ma non troppo, ma divoto—Allegro energico, sempre ben marcato—Allegro ma non tanto—Prestissimo—Felix Weingartner & Vienna Philharmonic Orch.
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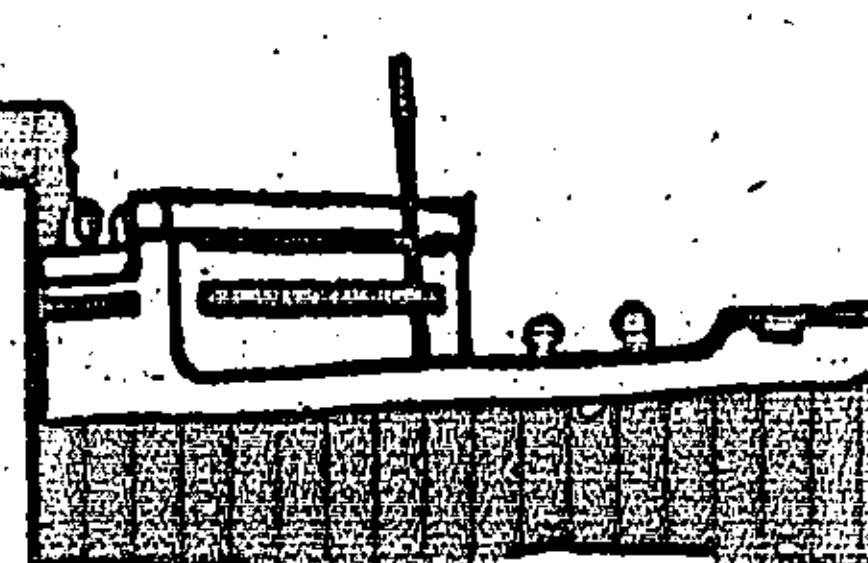
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WEAKENED 'VARSITY' ARMY SOCCER TRIAL TEAM LOSE BY ONLY GOAL OF GAME SERVES NO PURPOSE Only 9 Of Original 22 On View

AT SOOKUNPOO yesterday University did well to lose by an only goal, scored by Homburg in the second half, to Royal Engineers in a friendly hockey game.

HOCKEY TOURNEY DETAILS

Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament starts on Sunday next when seven games will be played. The home team is responsible for getting in touch with Mr. Hussain, Hon. Secretary of the Umpires' Committee, for the appointment of referees, and the first-named team will be responsible for arranging the ground. All games will be played at 10.30 a.m. Club secretaries must get in touch with Mr. D. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Association, when arrangements have been made. The A. N. Other team is composed of players from "Y" and Hong Kong Hockey Club. Following is Sunday's Programme:—

Police "A"	v	A. N. Other XI
Engineers	v	5th A.A., R.A. "A"
Nomads	v	Khalea
University	v	2nd M.T.B.
5th A.A., R.A. "B"	v	Police "B"
Signals	v	Recreia
C.B.A.	v	Kumons

University were without several of their better players, but played well on the whole. Hukam Singh, in the pivotal position, being outstanding, while Leow and Chin were also prominent. Engineers were faster on the ball and did most of the attacking. Homburg, Denyer, Shaw and Croston performed creditably. University:—Sen. Gupta; Leow and N. A. Lou; T. T. Chin, Hukam Singh and Syd Mahmood; Chelliah, S. Vanar, Lingam, S. S. Khor and Hans Raj. Royal Engineers:—Dobson; Goodwin and Taylor; Bawley, Croston and Hall; Singleton, Denyer, Homburg, Shaw and Twomey.

CLUB 1ST XV CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

(By "SCRUM-HALF")
Club have made several changes in their team to meet Police at the Valley on Saturday.

D. I. Bosanquet, who is nursing an injured knee, is being given a rest and Carruthers has been brought in on the wing in his place. Day and Aithenhead are switching places and Day will now partner Stewart. With "Jock" Dunnett and R. G. Castleton, who is on the injured list, unavailable McCrae will be hooking, and his place in the front row is being taken by Hackett, whose place in the back row is being filled by Davies, who has deserved this trial with the first fifteen.

The team is as follows: F. M. Thompson; M. G. Carruthers; G. C. Aithenhead; D. G. Day and D. H. Stewart; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; E. W. R. Hackett; I. M. McCrae; R. E. Heasman; R. G. Gairdner; C. F. Needham; G. G. Davies; A. J. G. Taylor and A. M. Kennedy.

Club "A" v Army "A"—H. F. Hopkins, H. van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, P. B. Wilson, E. Jones, T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clemo, C. M. Stark, E. W. Stout, S. Lee, L. A. Benn, J. Moodie, A. L. Thomas, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dalziel.



ARTILLERY HAVE FINE FIFTEEN

ROYAL ARTILLERY, AS EXPECTED, PROVED TOO GOOD FOR CLUB "A" IN YESTERDAY'S RUGBY MATCH AT THE VALLEY, WINNING BY THREE GOALS AND A TRY (18PTS.) TO NIL AFTER A 5-10 INTERVAL LEAD.

The Gunner backs played well together and tackled with grim determination, while their forwards gave a good display, packing solidly and combining very promisingly in the loose.

Artillery have a very useful team and their fixtures will be watched with interest.

Club backs were not given many opportunities due to the slowness of Clemo getting the ball back or his aptitude to kick to touch. When he changed with Jimmie Thomson and went to fly-half in the second period he was invariably tackled in possession. Morgan took Thomson's place in the pack, but is undoubtedly a better back than forward. Gairdner, and Kennedy were the outstanding forwards.

Gunners opened the scoring through Giblin after a good movement by Richards and Page, and Marsh converted with a good kick. In the second half Evans punted ahead and took the ball out of Needham's hands to go over for the second try, and Marsh again did well to convert. Hook then broke away and sent Richards over between the posts for Keeble to convert. A forward movement resulted in Whitehead completing the scoring. Clague failing with the kick.

R.A.:—2/Lt. Clague; L/Bdr. Richards; Gnr. Giblin; Gnr. Keeble and Sgt. Marsh; Capt. Hook and Gnr. Dobbinson; L/Bdr. McDermott; 2/Lt. Deldfield; Gunner Mullen; Gnr. Evans; L/Bdr. Whitehead; 2/Lt. Heath; 2/Lt. Eddison and Sgt. Page. Club "A"—H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen; D. Hynes; M. G. Carruthers and D. G. Day; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo; A. M. Kennedy; W. Stoker; J. Moodie; R. G. Gairdner; C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson; A. G. Dalziel and G. B. Godfrey.

Naysmith And Lawton Deserve Second Trial

(By "Referee")

THE ARMY SOCCER TRIAL at Sookunpoo yesterday served no useful purpose as, owing to the late finishing of military exercises, the majority of the players chosen did not turn up, with the result that many players had to be brought in at the last moment from junior teams.

WYRE AND SADLER IN GREAT FORM

Despite a fine bowling performance by Sgt. Wyre (7 for 46), who had 7 for 28 at one period, Royal Army Medical Corps lost by 37 runs to Royal Army Service Corps yesterday at Sookunpoo.

L/Cpl. Logan's 45 for R.A.S.C. were scored out of 97 for 9 and included five boundaries, while Webb had four boundaries in his 27, scored out of 40.

Sadler (5 for 19) had at one time taken 5 for 12, while Dewar took his last three wickets without conceding a run.

R.A.S.C.				
L/Sgt. French, l.b.w., b Wyre	15			
L/Cpl. Logan, b Wyre	45			
Capt. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Wyre	0			
S/Sgt. Sadler, b Bright	6			
M.S.S. Jones, c Bright, b Wyre	16			
Capt. Dewar, c Wyre, b Wyre	7			
Sgt. Jones, b Wyre	0			
Dvr. Brown, b Bright	0			
Cpl. Gunstone, b Bright	0			
Cpl. Glen, not out	7			
Cpl. Lucas, b Wyre	0			
Extras (B3, LB4)	7			

Total				
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	10.1	0	46	7
Bright	10	1	50	3

Birrell, Hossack, Duffield, Martin, Naysmith, Lawson, Falconer, Young and Lee Wai-lum were the only players originally chosen to make an appearance, and these were outstanding in a game that would not have done credit to two Third Division teams.

Lee Wai-lum, on the right-wing for Whites, showed a good turn of speed and centred well but he spotted many movements by holding on to the ball too long. He did not have a good inside forward, however, with the result that he seldom received good passes and when he did he had no confidence in his support.

Shooting Below Standard

Duffield, on the left-wing for Whites, played a fairly good game. He had the opposing half continually beaten and sent over many good centres. His shooting, however, was not up to standard.

Pelham, playing in an unaccustomed position for Whites at right-half, did not give of his best. He generally plays at full-back for Engineers.

Naysmith and Lawton were safe backs for Whites, and both should merit another trial.

Goals were scored by Martin (2) and Clarke (2) for Reds and by Hossack and Lee Wai-lum for Whites.

A second trial will be held on Wednesday, and Army's eleven for the Poppy Day Charity game will be announced following this game.

Reds:—Cullenby; Marshall and Hanning; Parnaby, Birrell and Falconer; Allen, Morgan, Hole, Clarke and Martin. Whites:—Mackley; Naysmith and Lawton; Howarth, Taylor, and Palmer; Lee Wai-lum, Young, Hossack, Brown and Duffield.

SIGNALS IN SOCCER DRAW OF 2-2

Fielding a number of Army players, who have joined their team, International were held to a draw by Signals in a friendly football game at Happy Valley yesterday when each side scored twice.

Signals took the lead early in the game, through Spendelow, the right-winger, and before the interval Shepherd added a second goal with a good shot.

In the second half International played better and Hughes, in Signals' goal, saved several good shots. Body reduced the lead for International midway through this period and Illey equalised shortly after.

Signals:—Hughes; Toplift and Allen; Butler, Johnson and Cartwright; Spendelow, Sprout, Illey, McCann and Shepherd.

International:—Sammy Tsang; Fernando and Delgado; Tavares, Body and Laing; Heath, Rocha, Illey, Dignan and A. Leonard.

WEBB SCORES WINNING GOAL

Royal Army Medical Corps beat Combined Ordnance and Pay Corps by a goal scored by Webb in the second half in the Army Small Units Hockey League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Combined Corps had most of the game, particularly in the second half, but their forwards could not find a scoring chance against the stout tackling of Platt and Muxley. Lawrence played a good game at right-half.

Ryan was a dangerous forward for the losers, while in the defence Jack played well.

Combined Ordnance and Pay Corps:—Oakley, Field and Luckhurst; Adams, Jack and Saunders; Merrick, Stone, Ryan, Hanning and Smith.

Medicals:—Buchanan; Platt and Muxley; Lawrence, Watt and Shorthouse; Beckley, Falconer, Webb, Newton and Cross.

FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

FIRST DIVISION
Club v Police:—Odell; Strange and Eardley; Skinner, Forrow and Strange; Fowler, Scott, Hopkinson, Blakford and Reiresten.
SECOND DIVISION
Club:—Marvin; Coleman and Sloan; Macfarlane, Grattan and Purvis; Dodd; A. Odell, Kennard, Lodge, Morris and Carr.
THIRD DIVISION
International:—S. Bux; V. M. Marques and D'Aquila; W. Wilkinson, A. Leonard and J. Tavares; H. Campbell; Yi Ncho; F. W. Illey; A. A. Ham-john and W. Sprinkle (C. nt.).
Reserves:—A. Roche, I. Aultho, W. Aycock and A. Elerts.

BAHRAM SOLD FOR £40,000

BAHRAM, MOST famous racehorse in the world and the only Triple Crown winner alive, has been sold by the Aga Khan to a well-known American, and will leave Ireland shortly.

The price paid is around £40,000. This figure compares with the £100,000 which the Aga Khan refused for the colt after he had completed his triple crown of Classic triumphs by winning the St. Leger in 1935.

The famous Irish trainer and breeder, Senator J. J. Parkinson, made the purchase on behalf of the American sportsman, who is interested in breeding.

Thus Bahram, who leaves the Sheshoon Stud, Elre, follows another of the Aga Khan's Derby winners, Blenheim, who went to America some years ago for a sum reported to be £50,000.

Sale Confirmed

The news was confirmed by a member of Senator Parkinson's household in the absence of the Senator, who was away from home on business connected with the matter.

Bahram's departure is one more move in what American thoroughbred interests claim will be the capture of the best of racehorses breeding prominence held

centuries by Britain. But it should be pointed out that all the best strains remain in Britain, and there are Bahram's sons and daughters racing in England. There is no fear among British breeding interests that we shall lose our supremacy, which will be still more marked with France removed as a competitor.

Other Big Deals

Had the Bahram transaction been carried out in peacetime, the £40,000 would have been very considerably exceeded. Even so, it compares well with other mammoth deals of the kind.

Mr. Martin Benson has been the biggest British purchaser of late years. He paid £50,000 for Windsor Lad just before he won the St. Leger, and later paid £60,000 for the Italian crack, Nearco.

Sir W. Mallaby-Deeley paid £60,000 for Call Boy, Derby winner of 1927, a British breeding syndicate paid £47,000 for Solario, and about £50,000 was realised for Captain Cuttle.

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FIREWORKS FROM HARDSTAFF

Last month the Trent Bridge cricket fans had a day to store in their memories, writes a Home correspondent. They saw 543 runs scored in less than six hours' batting... Joe Hardstaff, playing for an R.A.F. eleven, smash his county colleague's bowling all over the field... a two-run-a-minute, thrill-a-second finish, and discovered a new star who may prove to be another Gunn or Hardstaff of a future Notts team.

R. T. Simpson, a high school boy who joined the police instead of accepting an invitation to join the ground staff, was the new hero. Sent in to open the Notts innings in his first county game with Test star Keeton he defied the Air Force bowling (which included Butler, Harris, and Warburton), carrying his bat for 134. With the county captain, G. F. Heane, he helped to add 213 for the second wicket.

When Heane left after making 108, 84 runs were needed with only an hour left. When the winning hit was made 20 minutes still remained for play so Notts carried on batting.

Hardstaff's Knock

Previously, Acting-Sergeant-Major Hardstaff had played one of his most attractive innings.

I don't suppose the crowd enjoyed themselves more than did Joe in nearly getting a double century against his own club.

He treated all his pals impartially, but singled out Major Gubby Allen, a Notts player for the day, for the indignity of being hit for 6. After getting his 100 he scored the next 50 in 20 minutes.

Incidentally, Keeton, England's No. 1 bat, revealed unexpected qualities as a bowler. He took three wickets, including Tom Barling's.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Weighted Putter

BY BEST BALL

They still pay off on the putt in golf. Lawson Little, former Open champion, is now more firmly convinced of this than ever. Prior to the Los Angeles Open, Little reviewed his game and decided that something drastic would have to be done if he was to achieve the same fame in professional ranks that he enjoyed as Amateur Champion. The big trouble lay in putting, so Lawson weighted the back of his putter with 2½ ounces of lead.

The change in his putting stroke and accuracy was sensational. Instead of snapping the putter head against the ball, he began to stroke through it straight toward the hole. The balls dropped into the tin with enough regularity to enable him to win the Los Angeles Open. Ditto the National Open, the greatest prize in golfdom. And Little has been scoring well ever since.

CRICKET POSER

(See column four.)

Numbers 1 and 2 opened the innings but 2 was injured and retired hurt. Then Number 3 joined Number 1.

Number 1 was then bowled, 2 resumed his innings, was bowled first ball, and so was 4.

V.C. BOXER WON THE ARMY TITLE IN 1938

AMONG THOSE THRILLED TO READ THE EPIC STORY OF HARRY NICHOLLS, V.C., WERE HIS OLD BOXING OPPONENTS ARTHUR PORTER AND GEORGE PRESTON.

These two heavy-weights, both won A.B.A. titles, and it is a tribute to the boxing skill of Nicholls that he was never outclassed in his several battles with either champion.

Nicholls lost to Porter in the Army championships of 1937, but won his colours shortly afterwards at Maidstone, where he outpointed George Scott, of the Nottingham Police.

A month later he boxed for the Army against the Sparta Club of Copenhagen and gave weight, height, and a beating to Fritz Gramstrup, the Danish international.

I. S. Champion

Nicholls upset several fancied candidates to win the Army title

in 1938, and in the same year won the Imperial Services championship by outpointing the holder, Corporal J. S. Wheaterton, in a memorable final.

Another of his rivals, Metropolitan policeman L. L. Stevenson, recently recalled a hard-hitting tussle he had with Nicholls at Aldershot in 1938.

Stevenson won when the fight was stopped in the fifth round owing to the soldier's eye being cut, and it was a series of similar injuries which kept Nicholls out of the ring during the 1939 season.

It will be recalled that Cpl. Harry Nicholls of the Guards was previously reported as killed in action. However, it has since been officially announced that he was captured prisoner after being severely wounded in the action which gained him the V.C.

DO YOU KNOW?

Frank Chester, the well-known umpire, sets this cricket problem, which, he says, actually occurred.

A bowler did the hat-trick in one over by clean bowling batsmen 1, 2, and 4 with successive deliveries. How was it that Number 2 was among the victims?

Answer in Column One but think it out before looking.

POLO RESULTS

Baskets (Bompas, Chattey, Wilson and Atkinson) drew 5-all with Evergreens (Peters, Way, Forrester and Duncan) yesterday in the Navy Cup Polo Tournament. Peters (2), Chattey, Forrester (2) and Wilson (2) scored.

Cissies (Lawder, Penfold, Chattey and Yeatman) beat Dolittles (Smith, Fisher, Fielden and Guest) 10-2. Lawder (4), Penfold (2), Chattey (4), Fielden and Fisher scored.

Hunters Moon IV (Gordon Richards up), at 100-8, won the Cesarbyitch yesterday. Sir Pomm, 33-1, was second and King Legend, 100-8, third. Fourteen ran and the race was won by a neck and 2 lengths.—Reuter.

RIDING ACCIDENT AT VALLEY

By "Rapier"

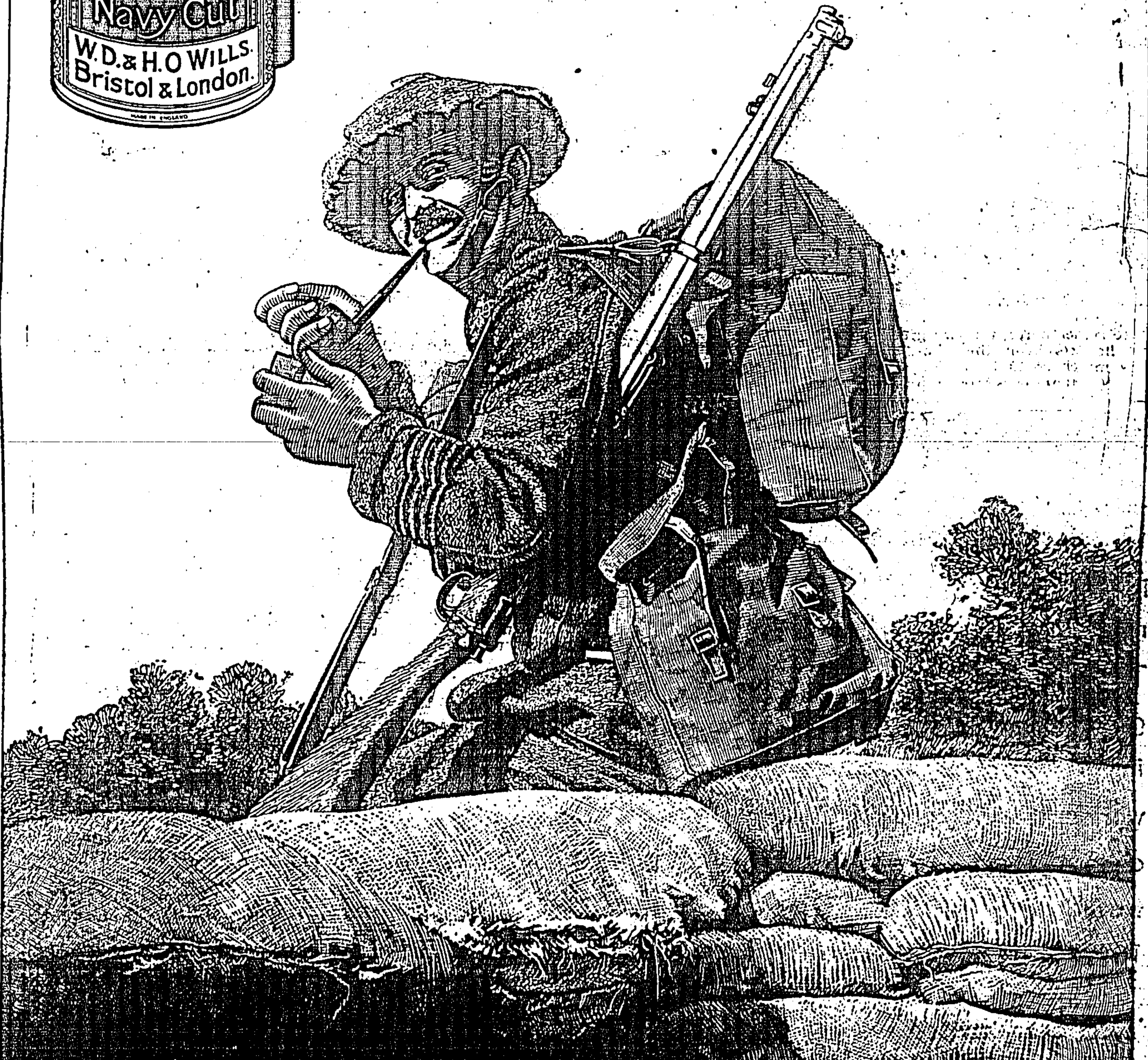
An accident, which fortunately developed into nothing of a serious nature, occurred to the Chinese riding boy from the Dynasty stable this morning.

The boy was taking out pony No. K79, a new Australian subscription pony for the 1941 season belonging to Mr. Widdicombe, for its morning exercise, and on reaching the main gate the pony threw the boy heavily, his head striking the sand track. He was carried back to the paddock in an unconscious condition, but was soon little the worse for his experience.

In view of the above case, I put forward the suggestion, in the interest of jockeys, trainers, and riding boys, that an ambulance be stationed daily near the Hong Kong Football Club.



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GREEK TROOPS MOVING RAPIDLY TO THE FRONT

PREMIER'S TRIBUTE TO POLES

After a recent visit to the Polish forces, the Prime Minister sent the following letter to General Sikorski:—

"I was very glad to see the Polish forces in Scotland. Their smart resolute bearing convinced me that when the call for action comes they will confirm the reputation for soldierly, audacious bravery which they and their comrades have already won on the battlefields of Poland, France and Norway.

Poland has shed her blood in the same cause of right and freedom for which we in England are fighting, and now in the hour of her misfortune, we watch with admiration the indomitable will of her sons wherever they may be to fight on till the enemy has been defeated.

"Though their country be trampled underfoot by oppression, the Polish people who have struggled so long and so honourably for natural existence and independence will in the end achieve their heart's desire." — British Wireless.

MALARIA VICTIM TAKES LIFE

With malaria, a Chinese patient of the French Convent Hospital, hanged himself at the back of the hospital at about 2 o'clock this morning.

The man was Ng Ah-mui, 29, residing at No. 295, Main Street, Shaukiwan. He was admitted to hospital on Tuesday.

Heavy Guns In Action Near Lake Prespa

BUSES LOADED TO CAPACITY WITH SOLDIERS ON THEIR WAY TO THE FRONT, CROWDS WAITING ALL DAY OUTSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER THE KING OR GENERAL METAXAS — THESE ARE TYPICAL SCENES IN THE GREEK CAPITAL TODAY, ACCORDING TO A REUTER'S MESSAGE FROM ATHENS YESTERDAY.

The population has accepted the strict black-out regulations cheerfully in spite of the fact that on Tuesday night the authorities took a drastic step by cutting off all electric current except that required by essential services.

The complete mobilisation of Greece is rendered difficult for geographic reasons, but the staff work done under General Metaxas's guidance before the hostilities began is bearing fruit, and the plans are being carried out smoothly.

It is recalled that General Metaxas was one of the most brilliant cadets passed out by a German military school where he distinguished himself in strategy.

Military development on the Albanian-Greek frontier are progressing very slowly, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent, who adds that there was no evidence yet of blitzkrieg tactics; Greek resistance is being well maintained.

It may be that Italy is hoping that Greece will give way to moral

pressure backed by a military threat.

The fact that the German Minister has remained in Athens would seem to confirm that the partners are still hoping to win a cheap victory.

But the Greek reaction has hitherto been exceptionally strong and wholesome and backed by the might of Britain, Greece will give the Italians plenty of trouble.

Railways Suspended

Observers on the Yugoslav-Greek frontier state that the fields on the Greek side are deserted as a result of the departure of all able-bodied men to join their units, all of whom, it is added, depart with a song on their lips.

All railway traffic across the frontier has been suspended, pending the mobilisation.

In the meantime, the large Greek colony in Yugoslavia is anxiously awaiting the re-opening of the frontier in order that they may join the colours.

Cannonading Audible

Reuter's Belgrade correspondent says that cannonading was heard plainly yesterday near Lake Prespa, at the junction of the Greek, Albanian and Yugoslav frontiers.

Heavy Italian troop concentrations are reported at Vorca.

The attack is believed to be directed towards Florina, but the mountains and the bad weather are unfavourable for military operations. — Reuter.

NAVAL BATTLE NEAR CORFU

(Continued from Page 1)
Florina, the ultimate objective being Salonika.

Tanks Immobilised

In this particular sector, the Italians are still unable to use their tanks and armoured cars, owing to the heavy rains and mountainous terrain, which are combining to form effective, though temporary, anti-tank barriers.

The Italians have opened a violent artillery bombardment across the border lake of Prespa. The Greek High Command admits certain withdrawals here to the "Metaxas Line."

Italian Claims

Meanwhile, messages from Rome claim that the Italian push into Greece has already reached a point some 50 miles beyond the Albanian frontier.

The push, Rome circles declare, is being driven steadily forward along the whole front despite admittedly bitter resistance.

Rome circles claim that under accelerating blows and the growing might of the Italian forces, the Greeks are falling back and fighting a rear-guard action in order to give time for the consolidation of the positions of the main defence line.

This line runs between Salonika in the east and Konispolis, a coastal town opposite the island of Corfu, in the west.

Radio Prattle

Meanwhile, of course, Rome Radio has already won the campaign for Italy and is prattling about the imminent downfall of the Greek Government which, it says, will "finish up in cold storage in London like the rulers and Governments of Norway and Holland."

In Rome, it is reported that a central column consisting of "three large Italian forces" has already captured the town of Florina, the "hinge" of Greece's northern outpost defences, and to have thrust a spear-head eastwards along the road to Salonika.

This column is said to be threatening to sever the main railway communications connecting Salonika and Athens with the rest of Europe by way of Yugoslavia.

The greatest advance, however, is being made by the Italian column driving south to Yanina, whose fall would give the Fascists the principal communication centre commanding the entire coastal area opposite the island of Corfu. — International News Service.

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